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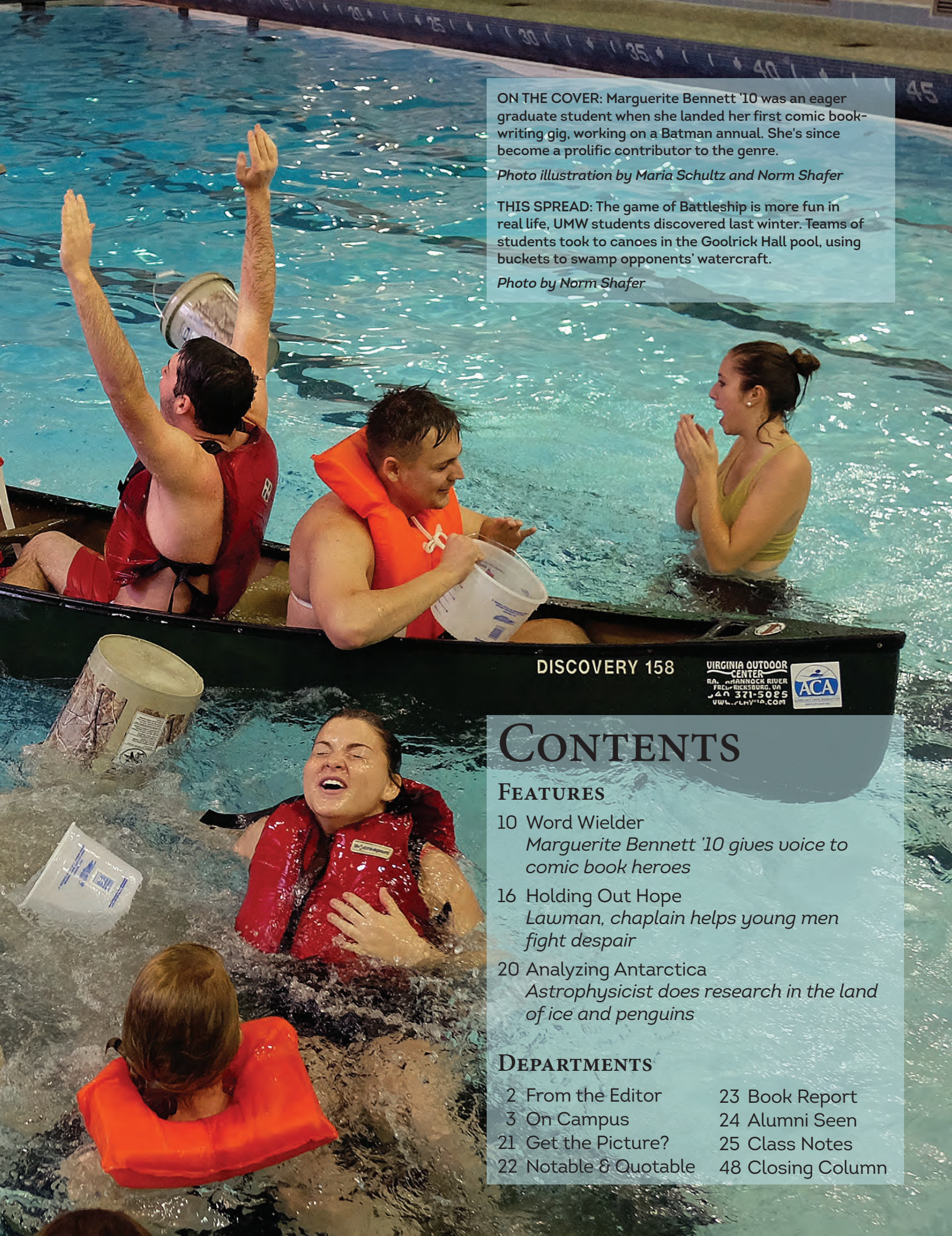
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ON THE COVER: Marguerite Bennett '10 was an eager graduate student when she landed her first comic book-writing gig, working on a Batman annual. She's since become a prolific contributor to the genre.

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THIS SPREAD: The game of Battleship is more fun in real life, UMW students discovered last winter. Teams of students took to canoes in the Goolrick Hall pool, using buckets to swamp opponents' watercraft.

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Dear Readers,

Thank you for reading *University of Mary Washington Magazine*. I hope you enjoy reading it as much as the magazine staff and I enjoy producing it.

I'm writing to tell you about some changes we are instituting with the magazine. The first change concerns Class Notes.

As printing costs have risen over the last decade, we have had to limit the number of pages devoted to Class Notes. That has meant shortening the news class agents have submitted. Beginning this issue, *UMW Magazine* will publish agents' unedited notes online at magazine.umw.edu. We will continue to publish an edited version in print, which you will find on page 25 of this edition.

Another change is that we will not publish a summer 2015 issue. Virginia's budget cuts to institutions of higher education have caused many universities to prioritize spending. To use UMW's limited funds as strategically as possible, the university has temporarily suspended publication of



Neva Trenis

one issue per year. We are confident that the budget situation will improve, and we look forward to resumption of an annual three-issue schedule.

Because the next magazine will mail in fall 2015, ***the next deadline to submit notes to class agents has been extended from March 15 to June 15.*** If you submitted

notes early for a summer magazine, don't worry: All notes class agents submit by their summer deadline will appear online and in an edited version in the fall magazine.

In the meantime, please consider contributing to the Fund for Mary Washington, which helps pay for *UMW Magazine*.

Again, thank you for supporting your alma mater and this publication.

Sincerely,

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- Check scores and get news about Mary Washington athletic teams at umweagles.com.
- Check out upcoming alumni network events and more at alumni.umw.edu.





New for Freshmen



Norm Shafer

UMW is enhancing its first-year seminar program to give freshmen a richer introduction to academic life.

For the first time, the program will offer residential clustering based on the seminar topics students choose. Freshmen will receive comprehensive advising, and they'll all read, write about, and discuss Rebecca Skloot's *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*.

UMW will offer more than 60 first-year seminars on topics ranging from game theory to Jane Austen. In residential clustering, students live with classmates from their first-year seminars, creating a community that combines living and learning. Incoming students may choose a first-year seminar and housing assignments once they have made enrollment deposits. Every freshman must enroll in a seminar.

Tim O'Donnell, associate provost

for academic engagement and student success, said studies show that students who participate in a first-year seminar earn higher GPAs by the end of freshman year and are more likely to return for a second year.

"First-year seminars are proven to engage students," he said.

The comprehensive advising program will provide a support network including the student's first-year seminar teacher, a professional adviser, and a peer mentor. The common book will draw students together as early as their August arrival. By then, they'll have written about *The New York Times* bestseller and will be ready to discuss it. In spring 2016, Skloot will speak about the book during the Chappell Great Lives Lecture Series.

Check out the seminar topics at umw.edu/fsem.

Little Rock Remembered

Ernest Green, one of nine students who in 1957 integrated Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas, urged University of Mary Washington students to be agents of change, not just passive observers in the continuing fight for social justice.

Green made the comments as keynote speaker during the Jan. 21 commemoration of the life of Martin Luther King Jr.

As a member of the Little Rock Nine, Green became the first African-American student to graduate from the formerly all-white Central High. After earning bachelor's and master's degrees at Michigan State University, Green worked to help minority women in the South secure jobs. He was an assistant labor secretary to President Jimmy Carter. In 1999, President Bill Clinton presented Green and the other members of the Little Rock Nine the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest honor awarded to civilians.

At UMW, Green emphasized that people who will never be famous make important contributions toward change, according to *The Blue & Gray Press*, UMW's student newspaper. And while it's fine to advocate change using Facebook, Twitter, and other social media, he said, speaking up online goes only so far. It shouldn't be a substitute for action.



Ernest Green

CAS Seeking Alumni

The College of Arts and Sciences Alumni Advisory Board is soliciting interest in board positions. The board reviews existing and envisioned programs within the college, applies real-world perspective and experience, and advises the dean on improvements that will effectively articulate UMW's superior value. The board needs graduates from the Class of 2000 onward. umw.cas.board@gmail.com.



Top-Notch

The University of Mary Washington is included among the nation's best-value colleges by both *The Princeton Review* and *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* magazine. And UMW is recognized as

one of the nation's best public colleges overall by *The Business Journals*, placing in the top 75 four-year public institutions.

The Princeton Review included UMW in its recently published *Colleges That Pay You Back:*

The 200 Best Value Colleges and What It Takes to Get In - 2015.

The ranking considers academics, affordability, and graduates' career prospects.

The *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* ranking considers a university's admission rate, percentage of students who return for sophomore year, student-faculty ratio, and four-year graduation rate. It also considers cost, availability of financial aid, and low average student debt at graduation.

Kiplinger's ranks UMW sixth among Virginia's best values and 92nd out of 100 four-year public institutions nationwide. Mary Washington has consistently appeared on the *Kiplinger's* list since 2006.

The Business Journals bases rankings on selectivity in admissions, retention and graduation rates, reputation, tuition and housing costs, and diverse faculties and student bodies, among other factors. Mary Washington comes in at 67 of 484 four-year public institutions considered.

Professor Sees Hope for Afghanistan Democracy



Young political party activists who received training through a pro-democracy initiative offer hope for effective elections in Afghanistan, according to a University of Mary Washington professor who recently spent 10 days in the country on a research and reporting trip.

Ranjit Singh, associate professor of political science and international affairs, traveled to Kabul at the request of the U.S.-based National Democratic Institute (NDI). The nonprofit agency was winding up a 27-month program to support the role of political parties in Afghanistan.

Singh interviewed nearly 40 members and leaders of various Afghan political parties to assess the effectiveness of the program, which ended in March.

"Robust political parties are considered essential to modern democracies," said Singh, an accredited international election observer who witnessed the Afghan presidential election of 2009 as part of a delegation of foreign policy experts.

Singh sees benefits of the two-year NDI support program.

"Many of the trainees are young, practical men and women," he said, "and their training often has enabled them to rise to positions of greater responsibility within their party."

BSN Completion Gains Accreditation

Two aspects of the University of Mary Washington's Bachelor of Science in Nursing program recently received approval from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, the accreditation body for degree-granting higher education institutions in the Southern region.

The BSN Academic Partnership Plan lets students live on UMW's Fredericksburg campus while taking courses at both the university and Germanna Community College. That part of the program begins in fall 2015.

Through it, students attend both institutions the first year; study at the community college for the next two years and complete an associate degree; and return to UMW during the fourth year to complete the bachelor's degree.

The BSN Concurrent Enrollment program also received approval from the accrediting body and will begin in fall 2015.

In 2014, UMW began accepting students to its BSN completion program, in which students who already are registered nurses can complete their degrees. Thirty-three nurses are enrolled, and the first cohort will graduate in spring 2016.

Mary Loyd, here with a patient at the Stafford radiation oncology center, is among 33 nurses in a UMW program that provides advanced education for registered nurses.



Norm Shafer



Liss Named a Top State Professor

Miriam Liss



Professor of Psychology Miriam Liss is among 13 Virginia college educators to receive a 2015 Outstanding Faculty Award from the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV).

The awards are the commonwealth's highest honor for faculty at Virginia's public and private colleges and universities, recognizing superior accomplishments in teaching, research, and public service.

Liss, a clinical psychologist, has conducted research on parenting, division of labor, and work-family balance.

Liss and Associate Professor of Psychology Holly H. Schiffrin are the authors of *Balancing the Big Stuff: Finding Happiness in Work, Family and Life*. Liss also has published articles about autism and developmental disorders, sensory processing sensitivity, self-injurious behaviors, feminist identity, and body image.

She regularly presents at national conferences and has been interviewed by *The Washington Post*, MSNBC.com, and LiveScience.com.

Since SCHEV's first awards in 1987, more than 300 Virginia faculty members have received this high honor. Professor of History and American Studies **Jeffrey McClurken '94** was a 2014 recipient.

Rambler Again Graces Belmont

Gari Melchers' painting *The Crimson Rambler*, on loan from a private collection, will be on display at Gari Melchers Home and Studio through June 7.

The Crimson Rambler features a rose arbor in full bloom with a lawn statue in the background. Melchers painted it about 1915, when he was living in Holland. It's unusual for a Melchers painting because it is strictly a garden picture, incorporating no living person or animal. Because Melchers preferred figure painting, this is his only "pure garden portrait," said **Joanna Catron '79**, curator.

"Melchers wholly gave in to the broken brushwork and chromatic possibilities of a lush garden in sunlight, rendering the sensation of a garden as opposed to a literal reproduction of one, a key objective of impressionism," she said.

Gari Melchers Home and Studio at Belmont is administered by the University of Mary Washington.





Coffman Honored for Innovation

Professor of Education Teresa Coffman was named 2014 Innovative Educator of the Year by the Virginia Society for Technology and Education.

The award recognizes teachers who implement innovative educational practices and champion the integration of technology in the classroom. Coffman is researching how wearable technologies such as Google Glass can help teachers teach and students learn.

Coffman encourages students "to think differently about who they are becoming as educators, and how their uses of technologies will shape transformational learning experiences for their own students," said Mary Gendernalik-Cooper, dean of the College of Education.

Coffman is the author of *Using Inquiry in the Classroom: Developing Creative Thinkers and Information Literate Students* and *Engaging Students Through Inquiry-Oriented Learning and Technology*.

"Teaching needs to be more transformational," Coffman said. "We need to extend beyond the creativity into innovative thought that can help us solve real-world problems."

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– Teresa Coffman



Teresa Coffman uses new technologies to teach her education graduate students.



Julius Esunge

Math Professor Receives Fulbright

Julius Esunge, assistant professor of mathematics, recently received a Fulbright grant. He will teach and do research at the University of Buea in Cameroon beginning in spring 2016.

An expert in stochastic analysis, Esunge blends math and statistics to assess and solve problems. As part of his Fulbright grant, Esunge will return to his undergraduate alma mater to teach probability and actuarial mathematics and lead a graduate seminar in stochastic analysis. He also will construct and compare predictive models for health care costs.

Esunge joined the UMW faculty in 2009. He received a master's degree from Lehigh University and master's and doctoral degrees from Louisiana State University.

"The opportunity to return to the University of Buea and actively mentor a new generation of students is priceless," Esunge said.



Religion Professor Meets Coptic Pope

In February, Professor of Classics, Philosophy, and Religion Jim Goehring met Pope Tawadros II, leader of the Coptic Orthodox Church, near Alexandria, Egypt.

Goehring had just presented his paper "The Pachomian Federation in Lower Egypt: The Ties That Bind," at a symposium sponsored by the St. Mark Foundation for Coptic History Studies.

Just days after Goehring and wife Linda LaFave left Egypt, the Islamic State militant group released a video purporting to show the beheadings of 21 Egyptian Coptic Christians who had been kidnapped in neighboring Libya.

The group accused the Egyptian Christians of being "crusaders," but Goehring said the men were in Libya not for religious reasons but simply to work. Many Egyptians, Christian and



Muslim, have sought employment in oil-rich Libya as the Egyptian economy suffers from a decline in foreign tourism amid political unrest.

Professor Jim Goehring meets Coptic Pope Tawadros II near Alexandria, Egypt, in February. Goehring was there to present an academic paper.

Amphitheater Update

A \$1.25 million pledge from an alumna has moved the University of Mary Washington closer to a \$3 million fundraising goal to restore its historic amphitheater.

The pledge, made by **Josephine McPherson Heslep '56** and her husband, Donald, of Richmond, Virginia, brings to \$2.5 million the total raised for the amphitheater. Additional funding includes a \$1 million pledge from Robert and **Alice Andrews Jepson '64** of Savannah, Georgia, and more than \$250,000 in gifts and pledges from other alumni and friends.

"We still need to raise another half a million for the project," said President Richard V. Hurley, "but with the tremendous amount of nostalgia and pride our alumni feel for the amphitheater, we're confident we will reach the final goal soon."

For more than a century, the

open-air amphitheater behind Lee and Trinkle halls has been an integral part of the Mary Washington experience. It was the setting for commencements, May Day celebrations, plays, and concerts. With age and weather damage, however, the site became a safety hazard.

"I remember the amphitheater from my time as a student," said Josephine Heslep. "We're happy to offer our help so that once again it will be a great gathering place and performance venue."

In past years, the Hesleps have provided significant support to the UMW Philharmonic. They also are members of the UMW President's Council, Washington Society, and Heritage Society.

The restoration will return the amphitheater to its 1952-1953 appearance, seating about 600. The



Josephine and Donald Heslep

surrounding woods will be restored to pristine condition.

The amphitheater is one of seven priorities of the \$50 million Mary Washington First Campaign. The comprehensive fundraising initiative began July 1, 2011, went public April 26, 2014, and is expected to conclude June 30, 2016. For more information, go to marywashingtonfirst.umw.edu or call 540/654-1024.



"Our two great institutions are very similar and share both a common history and a deep and abiding commitment to the liberal arts and sciences."

– UMW President Richard V. Hurley



Welcome, Sweet Briar Transfers

With this winter's announcement that Sweet Briar College plans to close at the end of the academic year, the University of Mary Washington has devised a plan to help Sweet Briar students complete their degrees at UMW.

Sweet Briar, a private woman's college near Lynchburg, Virginia, cited insurmountable financial challenges for its decision to close. In an open letter to Sweet Briar's student body of about 530, UMW President Richard V. Hurley offered a seamless transition to welcome students from that college and help them graduate on time.

In the letter, Hurley wrote: "The entire University of Mary Washington community has been saddened to learn of the decision to close Sweet Briar College. Our two great institutions are very similar and share both a common history and a deep and

abiding commitment to the liberal arts and sciences. Because UMW has been contacted by a number of SBC students about completing their degrees at UMW, I have directed staff from across our university to identify ways that we can support and accommodate them."

Hurley pledged that UMW will find ways to help Sweet Briar students transfer credits and graduate on schedule. Accepted transfer students will be offered streamlined advising on majors, choosing courses, registration, residence halls, campus life, and more.

In addition, UMW will waive its transfer application deadline and all application fees for Sweet Briar students.

To read President Hurley's letter in its entirety, go online to: go.umw.edu/sweetbriar-umw.

Chamber Recognizes Hurley's Leadership

The Fredericksburg Regional Chamber of Commerce recognized President Richard V. Hurley in January for his leadership and community service. The chamber presented him with the Prince B. Woodard Leadership Award, which it gives to someone who has provided a lifetime of service to the Fredericksburg region.

"Since assuming UMW's presidency in 2010, [Hurley] has overseen a period of robust growth that includes construction of the Anderson Center convocation and athletics arena, the opening of the Dahlgren campus, and development of the Eagle Village mixed-use" complex, the Chamber of Commerce said in a press release.

In the community, the release noted, Hurley has served on the boards of the Rappahannock United Way, the Fredericksburg Regional Alliance, and the Chamber of Commerce. He also has worked to strengthen relations between UMW and the community.

Before being named president, Hurley served Mary Washington for a decade in various positions including executive vice president, chief financial officer, and acting president.

Among those who attended the gala to honor Hurley was Douglas N. Searcy, UMW's vice president for student affairs. After six years of service to Mary Washington, he will become president of Barton College in Wilson, North Carolina, in July.

The Fredericksburg Chamber of Commerce honored UMW President Richard V. Hurley for a lifetime of service. Here, Hurley celebrates with Vice President for Student Affairs Douglas N. Searcy, who will become president of Barton College in July.





Building a Better Spring Break

Forty-five University of Mary Washington students and staff advisers donated their time over spring break to rebuild and rehabilitate houses in needy communities.

UMW's student-run Community Outreach and Resources (COAR) team organized alternative spring break trips in Mobile, Alabama; Maryville, Tennessee; and Palm Bay, Florida. At each location, the students collaborated with Habitat for Humanity to help eliminate substandard housing.

Kelly Bryant, a senior psychology major, co-led the trip to Alabama this year for her third alternative spring break.

"It is such a cool experience to learn how to hammer, square a house, and put up roof trusses, all in the pursuit of giving someone a better life," Bryant said. "It makes me so happy and proud to know that with my one short week I have made a lasting difference in someone's life."

For some students, one trip is all it takes to change their perception of spring break.

"After working with Habitat for Humanity last year, I couldn't imagine spending my break any other way," said sophomore international affairs major **Caitriona Cobb**.

Alternative spring break is part of Habitat for Humanity's Collegiate Challenge, which calls students to aid impoverished communities. In the past 26 years, about 230,100 students have participated in the program nationwide. UMW has been involved in the program for at least 18 years, according to Christina Eggenberger, director of service in UMW's Center for Honor, Leadership, and Service.

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– Kelly Bryant '15



Caroline Deale '17 uses a nail gun to stabilize roof trusses at a Habitat for Humanity work site.

Christina Eggenberger



Rolls-Royce Taps Blakey

In February, Rolls-Royce North America named **Marion C. Blakey '70** the next president and chief executive officer of the jet engine manufacturer. Blakey plans to leave her post



Marion Blakey

as president and CEO of the Aerospace Industries Association (AIA) in May. In eight years there, she has represented aerospace and defense industry manufacturers and promoted civil and defense aviation products.

Before joining AIA, Blakey was administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, administrator of the Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and chair of the National Transportation Safety Board.

The Alabama native earned a bachelor's degree in international studies from Mary Washington and did graduate work at Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies.

Rolls-Royce North America employs more than 8,000 people in 26 U.S. states, six Canadian provinces, and three Mexican states.

Tyler Heads CAC Board

Director of Athletics Ken Tyler is the new president of the Capital Athletic Conference board of directors. He is serving a two-year term that began in January.

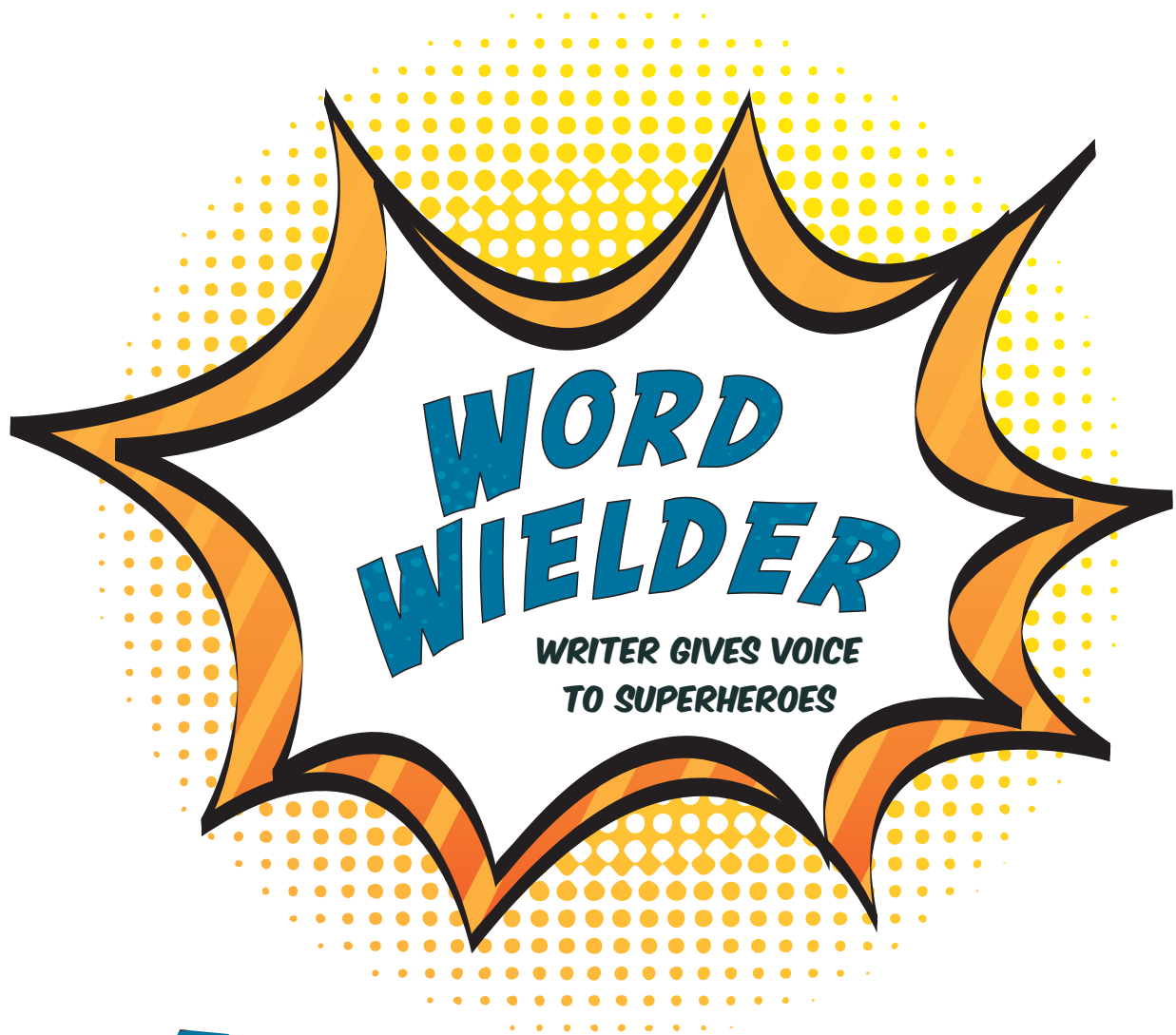
Tyler came to UMW in 2012 from West Virginia Wesleyan College. At Mary Washington, he has overseen numerous athletic department improvements and ambitious fundraising efforts. In Tyler's first two full years as athletics director, UMW claimed 12 CAC championships and sent nine teams to NCAA championship competition.



Ken Tyler



Norm Shafer



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arguerite Bennett '10 was trembling so violently she had to stop her car and collect herself.

Celebrated comic book writer Scott Snyder, Bennett's mentor and one of her professors in the Sarah Lawrence College graduate writing program, had pulled her aside after class and casually asked if she might like to help him with his upcoming project, the 2013 *Batman Annual* #2.

For Bennett, a longtime Batman fan and comics consumer, this was the graphic novelist's equivalent of Yankees star Derek Jeter asking her to help him with his swing. Or Warren Buffett offhandedly suggesting she help him with some financial advice.

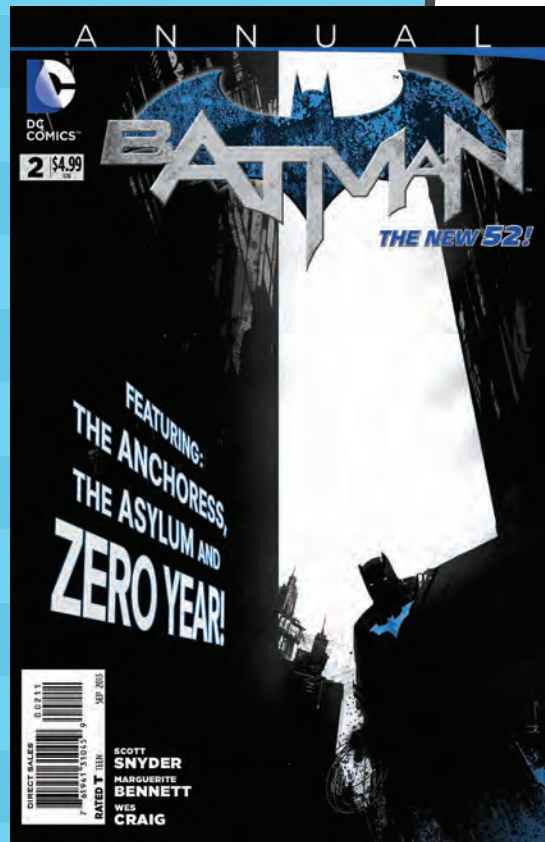
She was still wearing what she called her "crazy person smile" when she got behind the wheel of her white Hyundai that frigid January evening to drive to her Yonkers apartment. She hadn't even managed to get off campus when she stopped the car to process the moment.

"I started shaking. I had to pull off the road and try to keep from crying, and I had to thank God for the gift of my life," Bennett recalled.

She didn't tell anyone about the gig for weeks. "It was so big. Saying it out loud was going to make it real. And then I had to be good enough," the 27-year-old said. "The gun had gone off, and I had a certain amount of time to reach the finish line."

Finish she did, becoming one of only a handful of female writers to do a Batman book. Since then, she's penned a slew of titles for such comic book heavyweights as DC,

**BY
EDIE
GROSS**



COVERS OF BENNETT'S WORK AND BENNETT, BELOW, PROMOTING MARVEL'S "ANGELA: ASGARD'S ASSASSIN" AT ANDROIDS AMAZING COMICS IN SAYVILLE, NEW YORK, IN JANUARY.



Photo by Judy Stephens, courtesy of Marvel Entertainment

**"OH, DID I JUST WANT
TO HANG OUT WITH WOLVERINE
AND BE HIS LITTLE SISTER."**

**— BENNETT ON HER GRADE-SCHOOL
LOVE OF THE X-MEN**

Marvel, BOOM/Archaia, and IDW, including issues of *Batgirl*; *Batman: Joker's Daughter*; *Superman: Lois Lane*; *Talon*; *Earth 2*; and *Angela: Asgard's Assassin*.

Bennett is the primary writer for *Sleepy Hollow*, a four-issue miniseries based on the popular Fox TV show. She is the co-writer of *Butterfly*, a four-issue spy thriller, and *Earth 2: World's End*, an explosive series set in an apocalyptic alternate universe.

Marguerite Bennett's penchant for storytelling emerged early. Her father, John Bennett, said that as a toddler, his daughter would clamber onto a chair at the family's Richmond, Virginia, home and weave complex narratives with a handful of dog figurines collected during family trips to Standard Drug.

"She would sit at the kitchen table and do the dialogue – they would talk to each other for hours, I have no idea about what," said her father, a retired vice president at Virginia Commonwealth University. "She would just entertain herself."

A few years later, Bennett would pass the time in after-school care watching *Batman: The Animated Series* on TV. The comic book hero was new to her, and at first the youngster thought that the Dark Knight was a villain who, as a sort of penance for his crimes, vanquished evildoers more wicked than himself. Soon enough she realized Batman was one of the good guys, but the character's dark, flawed nature sparked in her a passion for villains that still rages.

"Their actions are true to their own beliefs as opposed to serving an ideology," Bennett explained. "They're human stories, not moral stories."

Bennett devoured secondhand comic books from friends and wrote and illustrated her own stories on books her father crafted with staples and computer paper. In fifth grade, she attended a summer symposium at the University of Virginia, John Bennett

said, and after that she dedicated herself to a writing career.

Her diary entries and fan fiction from that period extol the virtues of the X-Men. "Oh, did I just want to hang out with Wolverine and be his little sister," she said.

Bennett applied to the University of Mary Washington because she wanted a liberal arts school that boasted a strong writing program, and she wanted to be close enough to Richmond that she could regularly visit her family, including mom Barbara Ulschmid, brother Corey Bennett, her father, and her stepmother, Joan Putney.

"UMW was ideal for that," she said. "It was a small, quiet place where I could figure things out."

Many of the concepts she employs in her writing came directly from UMW English professors, she said. Gary Richards taught her the importance of story structure and careful research. Eric Lorentzen's Victorian literature classes helped her hone her understanding of crime and punishment and "world building." And Colin Rafferty's creative writing classes gave her a willingness to experiment with "weird creativity."

Her teachers remember her fondly but stop short of taking any credit for her success.

"She was pretty amazing straight out of the gate," Rafferty said. "I remember the first time I read her work, thinking, 'Wow. There's something here.' Her voice, imagery, and narrative were at a level that was beyond introductory."

After graduating with a degree in English, Bennett spent 18 months working for a Fredericksburg-based Web company, rising early and staying up late to craft a young adult novel she described as "*Alice in Wonderland* meets Dante's *Inferno*." The work became the basis for her portfolio, which earned her a coveted spot in Sarah Lawrence College's graduate writing program.

She figured she'd pursue a career as a genre fiction author, writing young adult books, historical fiction, or horror novels. But a semester in Scott Snyder's graphic novel writing class reawakened her love of comics. She brought her professor "a bloody folklore revenge saga" she'd been playing with in her free time; Snyder encouraged her to stick with it. About a year later, the writing talent behind DC's *Batman* and *Swamp Thing* comics sought her help with the oversized issue *Batman Annual #2*.

The first person she told was her father.

"It was sort of validation of everything she'd worked for," John Bennett said, noting that his daughter's gift was almost secondary to her work ethic. "Talent really isn't enough. It's raw. It's worth something, but it's not worth what it would be if it were nurtured, honed, and stretched. She's worked very hard at this. She's very seriously honed her ability to write."

And that's not just a father's opinion. UMW associate professor Eric Lorentzen said that even as an undergraduate, Bennett applied the timeless themes of class struggle, gender relationships, and empire building from 19th-century texts to present-day life.

"Her work ethic was tremendous. She was so enthusiastic and into stuff – the way English majors are," Lorentzen said. "When you're fired up and passionate about something, you're in good shape."

By all accounts, Snyder was pleased with their collaboration, telling fans in a tweet just before the issue was published how proud he was of Bennett for "penning a badass Batman annual for you all." The issue even featured a new villain of Bennett's creation, the Anchoress, the asylum's original tenant who's got a bone to pick with Batman for turning her therapeutic sanctuary into a repository for Gotham's habitual offenders.

That issue hit stands in summer 2013, and Bennett has had steady work since. Unlike the solitary experience of novel writing, working on comic books is a group effort that incorporates artists, colorists, and letterers.

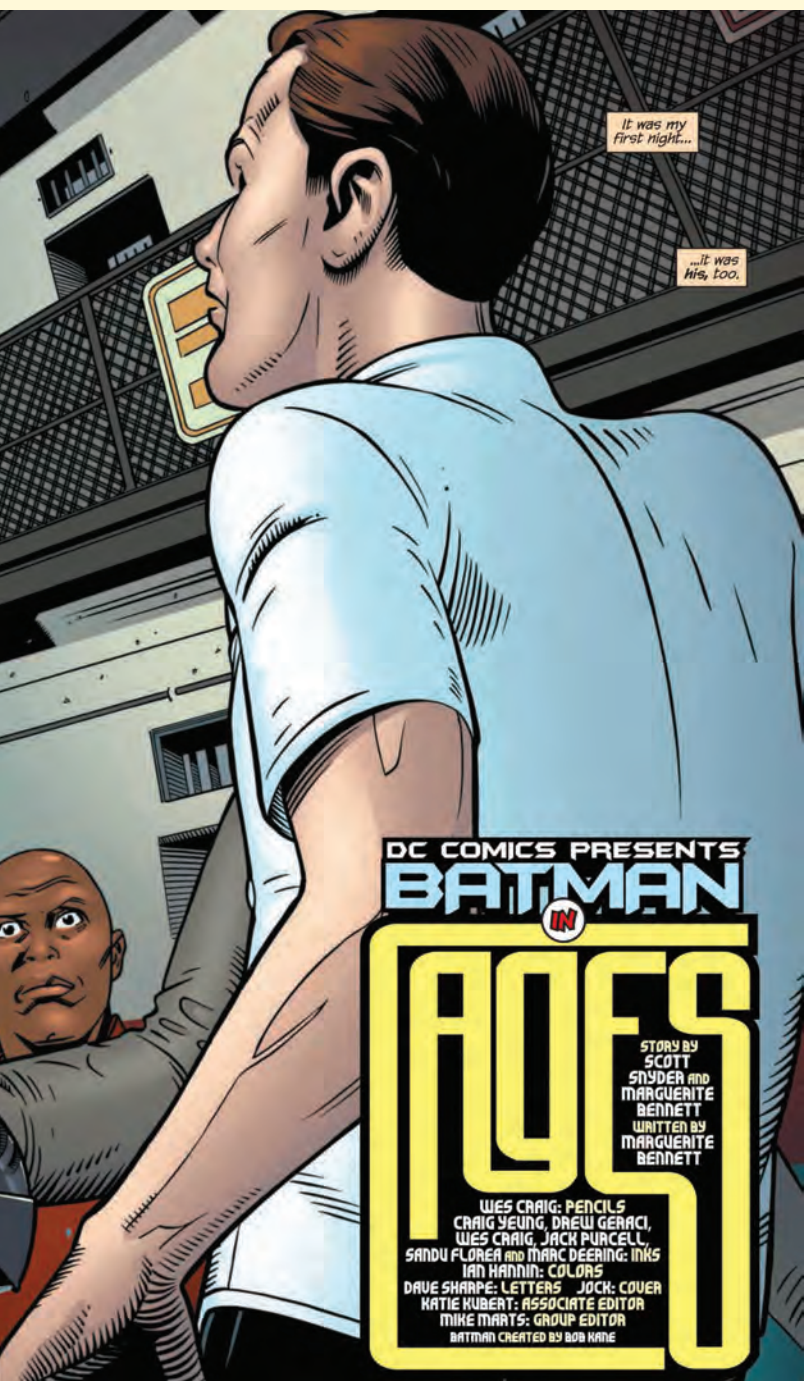
"You're not just a novelist alone at your desk with a glass of whiskey and your pain," Bennett said. "You're part of this wonderful, weird, rambunctious group of people who will be lifelong friends; it's an enormous team. It takes a village to raise a child, and it takes a village to produce a comic."

Bennett likes to know which artist she's paired with before starting a project, so she can sync her writing style with the illustrator's approach. For each issue, she spends about two weeks working on the script and about five weeks working with

**PANEL FROM "BATMAN ANNUAL #2,"
WHICH BENNETT WROTE WITH HER MENTOR,
SCOTT SNYDER.**



**"I ALWAYS WANT
THREE THINGS. I WANT IT TO BE
AESTHETICALLY BEAUTIFUL. I WANT IT
TO BE BRUTAL. AND I WANT IT
TO BE CREATIVE."**



the team. She does most of her work at a computer but sketches some projects longhand so she can see how the story tracks visually. Pacing is key, she said, noting that you can't just divide up the story in equal parts. You've got to hook the reader immediately, provide a solid story arc, and tie up the adventure while heightening the stakes for the next issue – all in 20 to 22 pages.

"There can be nothing superfluous," Bennett said.

Comic books have been popular in the U.S. since the 1930s, and some of the most beloved characters have been around just as long, building a loyal, vocal following. Bennett said she owes it to readers to honor their favorite characters' histories while inventing creative ways to tell their stories. She's got a strict no-tropes policy, steering clear of seductress villains or male heroes spurred into vengeful action by the death of a beloved female.

The pressure of not letting fans down combined with her desire to push the narrative envelope is powerful fuel. "I always want three things," she said. "I want it to be aesthetically beautiful. I want it to be brutal. And I want it to be creative."

Bennett hears from readers regularly via social media and at comic conventions, where thousands of fans gather to hear writers and artists speak, snag autographs on their favorite comic book issues, and get sneak peeks at upcoming story lines and movies. Working months of back-to-back comic cons is exhausting, Bennett said, but meeting readers – both critical and supportive – is the most rewarding part of the job.

"I love going to conventions, seeing how much people care about these characters, this universe, these whole worlds. It's an honor and a privilege," she said. "Without the fans, none of us would be here. There's a reason these stories have lasted so long. You feel really part of something much bigger – and beautiful." ▲

holding



Richard Arline was a Fredericksburg policeman and father when he started college on the GI Bill.



out hope

Hope has been a powerful influence in the life of **Richard Arline '77**.

He had it as young teen in the early 1960s, when his mother let him leave their North Carolina home for high school in the Northeast. He had it as an enlisted Marine fighting in Vietnam.

And he had it as he earned a degree in sociology from Mary Washington at a time when men on campus were few, and African-American men still fewer.

Today, Arline is 66, retired from a long career in law enforcement. He's on the school board in his New Jersey town and is an active volunteer in his community.

He and wife Mamie have two grown sons – one a Navy veteran, the other a special agent with the Department of Homeland Security – and six grandchildren.

But there's something else Arline feels compelled to do.

In December, he completed requirements for a master's degree in divinity. His goal is an urban ministry to help African-American youths navigate a society they, and Arline, see as set against them.

"Young people in urban areas are faced with such horrendous

**Lawman,
chaplain
helps young
men fight
despair**

By Laura Moyer

“I had learned how to survive in Vietnam. I had been fighting for freedom and democracy for someone I did not know, and I wouldn’t let anything here deter me.”

— Richard Arline

Arline strides along Campus Drive on graduation day in 1977. At right, he is pictured in Vietnam in 1968.



obstacles,” Arline said, citing statistics about disproportionate school expulsion and incarceration rates for people of color.

“They see what’s happening. There’s no hope in them, and the system made it that way.”

Maybe he can’t fix the system. But Arline can help with the hope.

Surviving Battles

A guy Arline knew had joined the Marines, and when he came home in uniform he looked sharp. He talked about how tough and disciplined a Marine had to be, and Arline was hooked.

A week after he graduated from high school in Waterbury, Connecticut, Arline was in boot camp at Parris Island. That fall he married Mamie, his girlfriend since sophomore year. And in January 1968 he landed in Da Nang, Vietnam.

The Tet Offensive began within days, and the Third Marine Division, Third Tank Battalion was in the thick of it. The battles melded together, but somehow Arline made it through 13 months and 28 combat operations unhurt.

He ended his Marine service at Quantico and got a job as a Fredericksburg police officer, becoming just the second African-American policeman in the city. By 1974, he’d used the GI Bill to earn two associate degrees at Germanna Community College.

But he wanted a four-year degree, and in 1975 he transferred to Mary Washington as a junior.

The college had admitted its first black student only 13 years earlier and had accepted men just since 1970. But Arline felt welcome, and he found faculty mentors in William B. Crawley Jr., now professor emeritus of history, and L. Clyde Carter, a professor emeritus of sociology who died in 1990. “The professors were just gold. They really worked with me,” Arline remembered.

Despite family and work commitments, Arline participated in campus life as a member of the student Afro-American Association, recalled **Sallie Washington Braxton ’77**, now an associate dean in the College of Business.

“He always had his priorities in order, and he juggled so many things so well,” Braxton said. “You never saw him

A 33-Year Career

By the spring of college graduation, Arline was working as a deputy with the Stafford County Sheriff's Office, and he got assigned to a case involving theft from mailboxes.

The U.S. Postal Inspection Service sent a representative to Stafford, and the inspector urged Arline to apply with the federal law enforcement agency. From 1978 until his retirement in 2004, Arline worked with the service in Atlanta, New York, and throughout New England.

Even after his 33-year law enforcement career ended, Arline kept working. He substitute taught for a few years, then got elected to the Franklin Township School Board, a position he still holds.

He got certified as a suicide prevention specialist with the Cop2Cop program, providing support and grief counseling to fellow law enforcement officers. He was president of a chapter of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE). And he helped lead a chapter of Parents of Murdered Children.

In 2004 Richard and Mamie took in two teenage grandsons while their dad was deployed. That's how Arline, a person of faith but not a devoted churchgoer, got involved in teaching Sunday school.

When one of the church elders asked him to become a deacon, "I looked at that person like they had three heads on their body," Arline said. But he did it.

And as his church involvement strengthened, he heard a call from God.

At seminary, Arline concentrated his studies in pastoral counseling. And he recently agreed to become chaplain of the police department in Plainfield, New Jersey. He'll minister not only to officers but to people in the community, especially young men.

It's a group he already connects with through NOBLE, the law enforcement organization, as he presents a program called "The Law and You," teaching teenagers how to act in encounters with police, how not to get arrested, and how to stay alive.

"It is regrettable that this type of education is required in 2015," Arline said. But the recent police shooting death of Michael Brown in Missouri and death during an arrest of New York resident Eric Garner have made the program more relevant than ever.

Cases like Brown's and Garner's, he said, are just the latest examples of societal hostility that saps hope from young people.

In Arline's youth, good people found a way to save him from despair. He knows he can save others.

"We're really in a crisis right now, and that's where I want to go," he said. "I'm going back into the battlefield." 🏠



Today Arline is a police chaplain and counselor, left. In the early 1970s, he was a law enforcement officer in Fredericksburg and Stafford County.

harried about anything."

And when association members would get angry about injustice, she said, Arline would say something funny to break the tension.

His college friends might not have known it, but Arline had already faced plenty of injustice, right in Fredericksburg.

When his family moved to the city in 1971, they couldn't rent in a white neighborhood. As a police officer, Arline once responded to a report of a fight at an all-white social club only to be stopped at the door while white officers handled the call.

And when Arline went to get his shoes shined at a barbershop his fellow officers frequented, the African-American attendant whispered, "I'm sorry. I'm not allowed to shine colored people's shoes."

Arline called on his Marine stoicism to persevere.

"I had learned how to survive in Vietnam," he said. "I had been fighting for freedom and democracy for someone I did not know, and I wouldn't let anything here deter me."



ANALYZING ANTARCTICA

By Erika Spivey '11



Katie Mulrey '08 studies cosmic rays in Antarctica and blogs about it for *Scientific American*.

As part of a doctoral program, Mulrey is a researcher with NASA's ANITA collaboration in Antarctica. Now in its third campaign, ANITA (Antarctic Impulsive Transient Antenna) is a balloon that hoists 2½ tons of antennas, communication equipment, cables, and data recording instruments. Once aloft, ANITA detects radio signals from neutrinos and cosmic rays, the highest energy particles in the universe.

When Mulrey left UMW with a degree in physics and mathematics, the New Hampshire native went straight into a Ph.D. program in high-energy particle astrophysics at the University of Delaware. In her first year, she chose ANITA as her research project, in part for the opportunity to travel far away.

"Traveling to remote parts of the world to do science is my cup of tea," Mulrey said.

The project includes 30 team members representing 10 institutions in the United States and abroad. Mulrey was one of 12 teammates who traveled to McMurdo Station, the largest of the U.S. Antarctic Program's three stations.

After spending the summer assembling a practice run of ANITA at a NASA facility in Texas, Mulrey and her teammates reached McMurdo in late October. They were given cold-weather gear, including the iconic red jackets, to help combat the frigid temperatures of the Antarctic spring.

"When we first arrived, it was close to zero degrees" Fahrenheit, Mulrey said. And though they visited at the time of year when the sun doesn't set, it still gets colder in the nighttime, she said.

Once assembled on the massive, icy continent, the ANITA crew got to work wiring electronics, building the antenna array, and setting up communication equipment for the balloon launch. All the while, Mulrey documented ANITA's progress in "Neutrinos on Ice," a blog for *Scientific American*. (Read it at go.umw.edu/sa-neutrinos.)

With the exception of occasional penguins and continuous daylight, Mulrey said life at McMurdo Station is almost like living on a college campus.

"You live in dorms, have roommates, eat at a cafeteria, and everyone knows each other," Mulrey said. The U.S. station has about 800 residents and includes a gym, a coffeehouse, bars, and recreational activities.

The balloon launched Dec. 21 and flew to 115,000 feet. At that height it can detect radio waves that reflect off the continent's smooth ice surface when high-energy particles enter the Earth's atmosphere. After ANITA's 22-day flight, scientists feared it would stray over the ocean, so they brought it down.

Now back in the U.S., Mulrey and other scientists wait for the instrument to be recovered. Then they'll collect its data and spend the next year analyzing it.

"We are very optimistic that we saw a lot of cosmic rays," Mulrey said. "Whatever we learn from this flight will help us prepare for the next one."

The ANITA collaboration gave Mulrey the chance to meet other physicists, exchange ideas, and feel confident she's found her calling.

"It's solidified in my mind that I really enjoy this type of experiment," said Mulrey, who plans to complete her doctorate later this year. "And that I've chosen the right career for me." 🏠

Neva Trenis contributed to this story.



Give It Your Best Shot

The dapper gent in the middle of this 1950s photo is Burney L. Parkinson, a professor of education and psychology at Mary Washington from 1952 through 1956. He had earlier been president of the Mississippi State College for Women. He died in 1972, at age 85.

But who, we wonder, are the stylish young women seated next to Dr. Parkinson? If you think you know, please tell us! Go online to magazine.umw.edu and click "Get the Picture" to leave a comment.

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You Got It!

Becky Earle Middleton '97 recognized tray-sledder **Amy Halter Watkins '96** right away when she saw her in the fall/winter *UMW Magazine*.

She and Amy were resident assistants in Jefferson Hall the year of the big snow. RAs returned to campus early after winter break, Becky wrote. "So we were the only ones there when the snow hit." The Blizzard of '96 closed campus to returning students. "We had the entire place to ourselves for nearly a week. I remember many good games of hide and seek, sledding, snowball fights, and how incredibly quiet it was." **Bob Shelton '97** was a Jefferson RA, too. He identified Amy and thanked *UMW Magazine* for reviving a great memory.

Dana Hall, senior associate director of athletics, wrote that she was Amy's coach on the MWC women's lacrosse team. Coach Hall stays in touch with Amy and her husband, **Eric Watkins '96**, and their family, who live in Fredericksburg.

Thanks to all who contacted the magazine, including **Larissa Lipani Peluso-Fleming '98**, who said she'll never forget that storm or the fun, **Jeff Kramer '96**, **Kelly Bartmess Sherman '97**, Professor of Biology Werner Wieland, and "Matt," who commented at magazine.umw.edu.





From Chemistry Major to Dental School Dean



Dr. **Isabel Garcia '76** has been named dean of the University of Florida College of Dentistry.

Garcia's career spans 34 years in public health, clinical practice, research, teaching, and administration. Most recently she was deputy director of the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, a part of the National Institutes of Health.

Garcia earned a doctor of dental surgery degree in 1980 from Virginia Commonwealth University and a master's degree in public health from the University of Michigan in 1988.

She completed a residency in dental public health at the University of Michigan and a fellowship in primary care policy from the U.S. Public Health Service. She studied chemistry at Mary Washington.

"Dr. Garcia brings a great depth of leadership experience to all the core activities of the UF College of Dentistry and UF Health, from education to public health to research and technology transfer," said UF President Bernie Machen.

A fellow of the American College of Dentists, Garcia is certified by the American Board of Dental Public Health. She is an active member of the American Dental Education Association, the International Association for Dental Research, and the American Dental Association.

Lifetime Achievement in Financial Law

Anne P. Fortney '66 has received the Senator William Proxmire Lifetime Achievement Award from the College of Consumer Financial Services Lawyers.

Fortney is a partner in the Washington, D.C., office of the Hudson Cook law firm. She is a nationally recognized expert on the Fair Credit Reporting Act and other consumer financial privacy laws. She provides legal assistance on the areas of regulatory compliance, legislative developments, and litigation, and has testified as an invited expert before Congress.

She is the immediate past chair of the Conference on Consumer Financial Services Law and has held a number of leadership positions in the American Bar Association's Consumer Financial Services Committee. She earned a law degree from Georgetown University Law Center after completing pre-foreign service studies at Mary Washington.

Fortney's award includes a \$3,000 donation to an organization that promotes the public interest in the area of consumer financial services. She named the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society because it provides emergency financial assistance and financial counseling for Navy and Marine Corps personnel and their families.



Maker Film Makes It Onscreen

Making Sense, a film by **Alex Schein '00** about the rising maker culture and micro-manufacturing movement in Philadelphia, was accepted for the 2014 DOC NYC documentary film festival and was screened in New York in November.

Schein directed, filmed, and edited the 13-minute documentary while working toward a master's in media studies at The New School for Public Engagement in New York. His undergraduate major was religion.

The film was inspired in part by his late grandfather, a New York crane operator who told Schein how rewarding it was to point to a building with the ability to say, "I made that." The documentary was filmed on location in Philadelphia, once known as the "Workshop of the World."



Alex Schein majored in religion at UMW, then went to graduate school and produced the documentary film *Making Sense*.

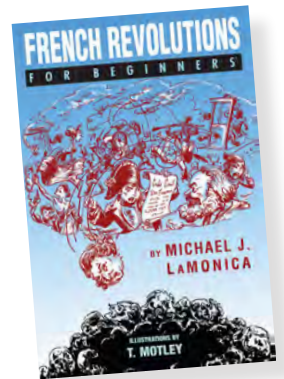
Books by UMW alumni

French Revolutions for Beginners

By Michael J. LaMonica '04

What's funny about the (many) French revolutions? Quite a bit, it turns out. LaMonica's humorously illustrated nonfiction book covers the major figures, events, and political issues of a century during which France underwent 15 transitions of government.

– Red Wheel/Weiser, November 2014

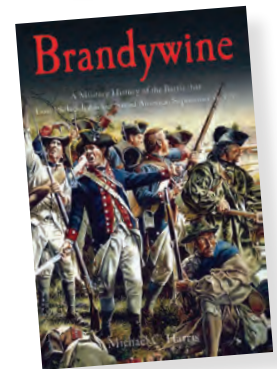


Brandywine

By Michael C. Harris '01

Subtitled *A Military History of the Battle That Lost Philadelphia but Saved America, September 11, 1777*, Harris' book is the first complete study to merge the strategic, political, and tactical history of this Revolutionary War battle.

– Savas Beatie, June 2014



Heart Murmurs: What Patients Teach Their Doctors

By Sharon Dobie '69

Dr. Dobie, a family physician at the University of Washington Medical Center, worked with 35 other physician-authors on this collection of essays exploring the interactions between doctors and their patients.

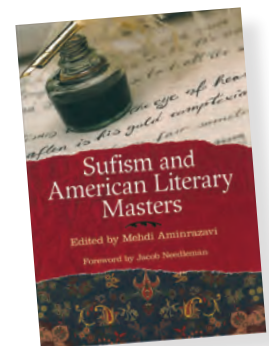
– University of California Medical Humanities Press, November 2014

Mary's Wild Winter Feast

By Hannah Slotnick Lindoff '04

This illustrated children's book, based on Lindoff's own family, is a celebration of food, family, and finding fun in unexpected places. As Mary and her father share foods from their pantry – blueberries, salmon, and more – they relive five Alaskan adventures.

– University of Alaska Press, September 2014



Books by UMW faculty

Sufism and American Literary Masters

Edited by Mehdi Aminrazavi, professor of philosophy and religion

Essays examine the influence of Sufism on 19th- and early 20th-century American literature, particularly in the works of Ralph Waldo Emerson and Walt Whitman.

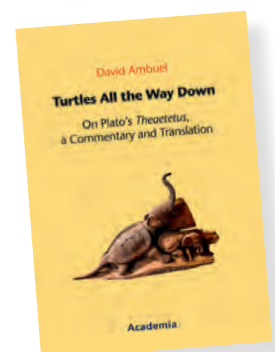
– SUNY Press, November 2014

Turtles All the Way Down

Translated by David Ambuel, professor of philosophy

This is a translation and commentary on Plato's *Theaetetus*, exploring themes of knowledge and judgment.

– Academia Verlag, January 2015



ALUMNI SEEN



Pictured at the December Graduate Reception are (left) Kimberley Kinsley, assistant professor in the College of Business, daughter **Emily Hill '14**, and Christopher Hill; and (right) Karen Gasparini, **J. Patrick Gasparini '14**, and Jeffrey Gasparini.



The Mary Washington First in Los Angeles event drew **Clare Denk '03**, **Kathryn Barbuto Charette '04**, **Jennifer Daub Victorin '95**, **Terri Chapman '86**, and **Kelly MacNeil '01**. Pictured at the Geography and GIS Meet and Greet in Washington, D.C., are **Jacqueline Nova '13**, **Leigh Hamilton '14**, **Michelle Woody '12**, **Tom Moran '10**, and Katherine Zalle.



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1940

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The Oscar H. Darter Scholarship in History, established by the Class of 1940, totaled \$130,334 as of June 30, 2014. History majors **Kathleen Eakins** and **Kimberly Humphries** received \$3,080 scholarships.

1941

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Myra McCormick Cole, a widow who's proud to be 94, still gets around but has stopped driving. One of her two daughters moved in with her as chauffeur. Myra makes baby blankets for the needy, crochets afghans, and keeps in touch with **Dorothy Shaw** of Buffalo, New York.

Lenore Magill Powell traveled to New Orleans and visited a WWII museum. She celebrated her 94th birthday, traveling to the Strawberry, Arizona, mountains in July. She visited friends with a Pinetop, Arizona, time share in September. A hospital rehab spiritual caregiver, hospice volunteer, and newsletter proofreader, Lenore leads two devotion classes.

The Mildred McMurtry Bolling Memorial Scholarship totaled \$107,390 as of June 30, 2014. Freshmen **Hannah Bratton** of Powhatan, Virginia, and **Elizabeth Erskine** of Staunton, Virginia, and sophomore **Aleksandra Szczesna** of Shelton, Connecticut, received scholarships.

1942

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The Class of 1942 Scholarship in Business Administration in Memory of James Harvey Dodd totaled \$84,299 as of June 30, 2014. **Autumn Coakley**, a senior business major from Fredericksburg, received a \$3,900 scholarship.

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The Class of 1943 Scholarship in Memory of Levin J. Houston III totaled \$39,914 as of June 30,

Lenore Magill Powell '41 celebrated her 94th birthday by traveling to the mountains of Strawberry, Arizona.

2014. **Grahm McGlinchey**, a junior philosophy major from Strafford, New Hampshire, received the \$1,850 scholarship.

1944

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Anna Austin Ware enjoyed October weather but said the price was down for the annual corn and soybean festival. Her daughter took her to see fall leaves.

Elizabeth Cumby Murray plays bridge and duplicate. She read *The Aviator's Wife* in her book club and learned that Charles Lindbergh was not a hero at home! Her fourth great-grandchild, a boy, is due in April, joining his sister, 2. Elizabeth's daughter, Diana, a retired teacher, enjoys Sarasota, Florida, with her husband. Elizabeth's son, John, and family of Nantucket planned to be at the home of Elizabeth's other daughter, Trish, for Thanksgiving.

Mary Ellen Gardiner Starkey lives alone but doesn't drive. She has help and family nearby. **Isabel Hildrup Klein** has had a hard time since losing her husband. I couldn't reach her on the phone.

I, **Phyllis Quimby Anderson**, have been well; my doctor said I'm fantastic and the only medication I need is for scalp psoriasis. I play bridge every week. My son is with me; he and I deliver Meals on Wheels once a month. I sing in the choir and am active in the fellowship at our Vermont church. I have two great-granddaughters and a great-grandson, with another due in January. They're all in New Jersey so I don't see them often. We had a sad spring 2014. One of my daughters passed away in June. She had ovarian cancer and lived in Arlington, Virginia, so we traveled there by train many times. In fall 2013, she was doing well, even came to Vermont for the wedding of one of my daughters. Her son was unbelievable, leaving his job in Chile to take care of her. Some of my other girls helped when they

Arriana Taylor-Roy, a senior biology major, received \$3,008.

1945

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The Class of 1945 Memorial Scholarship totaled \$21,819 as of June 30, 2014. **Danielle Holzhauser**, a sophomore from Lanexa, Virginia, received the \$1,030 scholarship.

1946

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Frances McDonald '67 said her mother, **Jeanne Veazey McDonald '46**, died in January.

The Class of 1946 Scholarship totaled \$59,319 as of June 30, 2014. **Eynav Ovadia**, a junior art history and museum studies major from Thousand Oaks, California, received the \$2,810 scholarship.

1947

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The weather in Central Florida turns fall-like in mid-October; days are in the low 80s and nights are in the 60s. Flowers bloom most of the year, and we have only fall and summer.

Mary Turner Kincheloe of Clifton, Virginia, has two sons, two daughters, and two great-grandchildren. **Helen Robertson Creekmore**, at Richmond's Cedarfield retirement residence, has three sons and two great-grandchildren. **Charlotte Smith Needham** of Falls Church, Virginia, has two daughters. **Virginia Carol Schachtler '48** remained single, teaching elementary school 43 years. She's at Milestone Senior Living in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. **Jean Boyce Carleton's** husband, Fred, suffered a heart attack in September and was recovering at their assisted

Deadline Changes

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- June 15, 2015, for publication in the fall edition
- Dec. 15, 2015, for the spring edition

Song, Composer Going Strong

When she returned to UMW last December, **Irene Taylor Robinson '47** wasn't sure what all the fuss was about. As the guest of honor at a luncheon, she had expected to talk about *High on Marye's Hilltop*, the Mary Washington Alma Mater that she and the late **Jean Crotty Machonis '47** co-wrote. She was surprised, though, to be treated like a star by the younger alumni who'd come to see her.

"We wrote a little song, but I've never really given much thought to it," the 89-year-old said. "I'm a little floored that people want to meet me, and they are so kind in what they say."

Most of the fans had learned *High on Marye's Hilltop* as freshmen at Mary Washington, where it is sung at every commencement, reunion, and homecoming. They'd sung it in dorms, at class meetings, and at Grad Ball.

"It's part of the Mary Washington soundscape for students and faculty," said Professor of History **Jeffrey**

McClurken '94, one of two UMW historians at the luncheon.

Robinson and her friend Machonis teamed up their senior year to represent the Class of 1947 in a song contest; it wasn't to replace the then-Alma Mater, *Eager Voices Singing*. Robinson wrote the melody, Machonis wrote the lyrics, and the duo set out only to write "a singable tune" that would win for '47.

Their classmates loved it and delivered an especially moving rendition the night of the contest; their song won first place. "My class was so enthusiastic about singing it that they sang it whenever they came together," Robinson said. "And Jean's words were so meaningful to us."

High on Marye's Hilltop grew in popularity after the composers graduated. New, younger students petitioned to have it as their Alma Mater, according to University Historian William B. Crawley Jr.'s *University of Mary Washington: A Centennial History*. The professor emeritus of history wrote that student

leaders sent copies of the sheet music to all alumnae chapters. With their approval, it became the official school song in spring 1952.

Robinson made a career teaching music to middle schoolers in Northern Virginia. She and her late husband raised two children in Arlington, Virginia, before retiring to Lake of the Woods, Virginia, in 1993.

The accomplished piano player lives there still, accompanying shows, plays, and vocalists, and filling in when she's needed at church. For 15 years she has had a standing Monday-night date with six gentlemen – The Lakers gospel group she leads and accompanies.

Robinson was in demand as an accompanist at Mary Washington, too. The music education major played for the glee club and the dance orchestra, which she managed. Often Dean of Women Nina Bushnell called on her in Seacobeck Hall. "She would ask me to play during dinner hour," Robinson recalled.

Some of Robinson's happiest years were at Mary Washington College, she said. She's humbled and surprised that nearly seven decades later, generations of alumni and professors remember her song. "I'm so glad it's still the Alma Mater."

– Neva Trenis '00



"My class was so enthusiastic about singing it that they sang it whenever they came together." – Irene Taylor Robinson

Irene Taylor Robinson holds the sheet music to the UMW Alma Mater, which she wrote with Jean Crotty Machonis in 1947.

Harriet "Scotty" Scott Brockenbrough '49 and four of her high school BFFs had their annual sleepover.

living facility. They're close to one of their daughters and her husband, who live in their former home on Longboat Key.

Ladies, let me know what's going on with you!

1948

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Nina Giera Schmidt summarized the past 66 years in an email. She first worked as a research technician, studying muscular dystrophy at New York Hospital. She married Don Schmidt, and they raised four children, all married and successful, and have seven grandchildren. With Don's shipping-industry career, Nina's travels included New Zealand, Africa, France, Jamaica, and Hawaii. They toured with a church group in Hungary, Austria, and Poland, and participated in a bike tour on Prince Edward Island, Canada. She goes to the gym and plays golf. At church she is a Eucharistic minister, rosary maker, and Council of Catholic Women member. She participates in bake sales, a faith-sharing group, and Bible study. Nina is grateful for the education and experiences she gained at MWC.

The **Ellen Alvey Montllor '48** Scholarship totaled \$61,216 as of June 30, 2014. Freshmen **Meghan Fens** of North Chesterfield, Virginia, **Justin Ford** of Virginia Beach, and **Emma Stanley** of Ashland, Virginia, each received \$940 scholarships.

1949

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While news was being written for the spring issue, glorious autumn colors surrounded us and unusually low temperatures predicted winter.

Corinne "Conni" Conley Stuart of Toronto said **Norah Pitts Byrnes'** husband, William, died in Atlanta. Long retired as a physician and anesthesiologist, he was known as

"Dr. Bill." He'd had health problems and died in early August from pneumonia. On behalf of classmates, a heartfelt message was sent to Norah and their three sons.

Conni's husband, Bonar, recently was hospitalized for ongoing health issues. She expected a November release from rehab. Conni's two recent movies, *Old Stock* and *Cas and Dylan* with Richard Dreyfuss, were on The Movie Channel.

Harriet "Scotty" Scott Brockenbrough kept us posted on a serious health issue for BFF **Elizabeth "Liz" Barnes Hornsby**. During an October visit to her hometown on the Eastern Shore, Harriet spent an afternoon with Liz, who lives with her youngest daughter, Jane, a nurse, and her husband in Salisbury, Maryland. The three spend frequent weekends back in Liz's Harberton home. Liz has begun playing bridge again. Her communication skills had temporarily failed, but she was making progress through speech therapy.

During Harriet's visit, she stayed with youngest son Tom in Onancock, Virginia. They had a vantage point from nearby Wallops Island and saw the rocket launch and explode. Harriet and four of her high school BFFs had their annual sleepover. Even as octogenarians, we suspect there was more gabbing than sleeping! Harriet planned to return to the Eastern Shore for a November wine and oyster evening at Chatham, the farm where she was reared. A couple from Great Falls bought it and built Chatham Vineyards on Church Creek. Harriet looked forward to a nostalgic time with her oldest and youngest sons.

Barbara Trimm Wright has endured traumatic eye problems for two years, originating suddenly with an aneurysm. After extensive surgery at U.Va. hospital, and treatment and checkups, she has double vision and relies on close friends and her nephew for transportation. An October MRA and exam revealed that the aneurysm had been absorbed, shrinking from the size of an Oreo cookie to that of a nickel.

Her single vision had returned by about 80 percent, and there was hope for a full return. Barbara said she's "too blessed to be stressed!"

Dolores "Dee" Ross has had ongoing tests and trials for health issues and is unable to tolerate chemotherapy. At our 65th Reunion Weekend, she tired easily and rested in the bedroom she named at Kalnen Inn. Dee was honored for that donation during the inn's 10-year anniversary celebration at reunion. A faithful donor of Mary Washington scholarships in her and her late sister's names, Dee continues to attend the annual scholarship donors' luncheon and meet recipients. Last April she was afforded the highest honor and named to the Washington Society for exceptional donors. Dee planned and hosted her October 85th birthday party at her Kilmarnock, Virginia, club. She sent 150 invitations; 143 accepted. Mary Washington officials, includ-

September, the Eislers welcomed their fifth great-grandchild, Leila Marie, who was to be christened in November in Mission, Kansas.

Joyce and Joe participated in November's annual bazaar at Brittany Pointe, their Lansdale, Pennsylvania, retirement community. They raised more than \$31,000, the bulk for scholarships to high school seniors on their dining room wait staff. Joyce and Joe planned a Christmas family gathering.

At the end of the last fiscal year, with three donations totaling \$3,165 to our own Class of 1949 Scholarship, we had two recipients to continue aiding for the 2014-15 academic year. This is the fourth year **Jessica Hopkins '15**, a senior history major from Duncannon, Pennsylvania, has received our scholarship. **Casey Klein '17**, a rising junior from Fredericksburg, hadn't declared a major. Our donations are needed to assist

The waiters at a Lexington piano bar are fascinated that **Betty Bond Heller Nichols '49** plays for hours with no sheet music.

ing Rick and Rose Hurley, and other Fredericksburg friends attended. Dee's dog, Joe, sat in a place of honor, wearing a bow tie. We predicted a picture would adorn Dee's annual Christmas card.

Elizabeth "Betty" Fischer Gore attended her two great-granddaughters' 2014 high school graduations at the George Mason University field house. Betty took an October Iberian Coast cruise, from Lisbon to Barcelona. Her roommate was an old (93!) friend who attended Mount Holyoke. Betty's favorite stop was the Alhambra in Grenada, which she'd wished to visit since reading Washington Irving's *Tales of the Alhambra* in junior high school.

Betty's dear friend **Mary Elwang Sharpley** and **Barbara Westernman Newlon** attended basketball games at U.Va. together, through the Colonnade, their Charlottesville retirement center. UMW's perennial escort, Jan Clarke, drove Mary to an October alumni meeting in Charlottesville, where she met President and Mrs. Hurley.

Joyce Hamilton Eisler and Joe have sons David and Doug, daughter Anne, and 10 grandchildren. In

these and future students, in honor of our iconic class, the Fabulous Forty-Niners!

Our bubbly **Betty Bond Heller Nichols** took her annual beach trip with the kids. She plays at a Lexington piano bar every other Friday night and feels like Dolly Levi coming down the steps at the café (Hello, Betty!). The cute young waiters are fascinated that she plays three hours with no sheet music, keeping a list of titles handy in case she goes blank. She plays weekly at the local Kendal retirement home. They've done a successful Broadway show and were working on one for Thanksgiving. By leading the singing, she feels she's doing something for others.

As ever, love to all of you from both of us.

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1950

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Can you believe May 29 to 31 will be our 65th Mary Washington reunion? Look for information, mark your calendar, and plan to come.

Reading about the restoration of the amphitheater in the *University*

forwarded it to me with comments about places she remembered. She's corresponding secretary of and finishing the history scrapbook for her State College, Pennsylvania, Woman's Club. Jim has trouble walking, but they went to Ocean City, Maryland, for their annual Thanksgiving crab cake "orgy."

Carol Bailey Miller learned to walk again with extensive therapy after knee surgery. She's publicist for the

1954

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1955

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A couple items came too late for my last submission, so some news is a little old. Oh, well, we aren't spring chickens, either!

Mary Margaret Papstein Carter attended a nephew's July wedding at a Seattle winery. The Carters traveled to London and Paris, visiting the Louvre and Musée d'Orsay. In October, the Carters welcomed their first great-grandchild, a girl.

Patricia Seitz Hartel, in real estate 39 years, and her husband joined a Vero Beach, Florida, reunion of

for the column. Who has the most grandchildren or great-grands? Seen the most countries? Met celebrities? Joan's met four, counting a blind date with H. Ross Perot.

I celebrated my 39th year with The Dance Shop. I figure one day while fitting pointe shoes, I'll keel over, shoe in hand! I love the little guys. They say it as they see it. So do I... a perk of being very young or old.

Please keep your information updated with the Alumni Association.

1956

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Nanalou West Sauder of Lexington's Kendal Community sold her 1840s brick farmhouse in November.

Florence Overlay Ridderhof '50 won the People's Choice Award in UMW's 2014 Dancing With the Fredericksburg Stars!

of *Mary Washington Magazine* summer issue, **Margaret Bryan Morgan** remembered the thrill of dancing there with the modern dance group. She and Ed live in Williamsburg, have been married 65 years, and have four married children, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. They are in relatively good health, drive, and volunteer. When Margaret retired after 19 years teaching preschool, they named a children's library after her. Ed started as a mechanical engineer with DuPont but was called to the ministry, serving in Episcopal parishes and as a Virginia Seminary of Alexandria professor before retiring.

Florence Overlay Ridderhof, also a modern dance group member, won the People's Choice Award in UMW's October 2014 Dancing With the Fredericksburg Stars!

Marge Diener Knapp of Jamison, Pennsylvania, was in advanced modern dance with Florence. Marge always wanted to be a dancer, but piano got in the way. She finds life challenging without a car but has help with housework. Marge is active in church and plays bells. Her daughter arranged a trip to Atlantic Highland, New Jersey. They visited Sandy Hook and the Asbury Park boardwalk.

Clelia Boushee Bullard sent pictures of herself with her three daughters when they celebrated her birthday in July in Jacksonville, Florida.

Betty Gavett Breeden sent **Barbara Lloyd Hiller** an article from the San Diego newspaper describing Fredericksburg's modern businesses among historic sites. Barb

Garden and Red Hatters clubs in Cumberland, Virginia. Wildlife on her property includes bluebirds and an eight-point buck.

Mim Sollows Wieland and Earl planned to sell their home and move after Thanksgiving to an apartment at Lantern Hill, a New Providence, New Jersey, continuing care community. We email and try to get together in New Jersey or Cape Cod.

Hope you'll come to our reunion and send news.

1951

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1953

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Lenny and I celebrated 63 years of married bliss. We have one son and one brother at home. Our son, David, got "light" employment. Lenny's partner is ill, so Lenny opened a one-man office. The fast move was horrendous for a pair of 83-year-olds. I worked on the computer with him through tax extensions in October. Now to clean the house!

Joan Collins planned to sell her Fluvanna County home and move into a Charlottesville apartment. Her health is good, and she drives.

Joan Kleinknecht '55 does yoga with a 93-year-old teacher and reads to Spanish children.

friends who lived in the D.C. area in the '70s and have gathered since 1962. The Hartels' son Austin, at the University of Oklahoma for 13 years, teaches dance.

Roberta "Bert" Linn Miller's daughter lives nearby and has children ages 23, 17, and 13. The Millers' son, a Texas peace officer and food safety director, raises longhorns. His son and wife welcomed a son, making the Millers great-grands. They've lived in six states (Mobil Oil). Their daughter has lived in six. Their son has lived in 10.

Bert mentioned the passing of **Josephine Jane Williams Van Hook**, whom she traveled with to be bridesmaids at **Dorothy McIlwain** and James Mattison's wedding. Dot, who passed away years ago, was Bert's suitemate senior year. In 1952, Bert lived in Trench Hill and had roommates **Anastasia "Buttons" Petro Molitor** and **Barbara Jean "Pete" Phillips Lucas**. Pete transferred to Marshall, and after losing touch for a while, Bert learned she'd also passed.

Joan Kleinknecht said her heart has healed and her case was "one for the books." She does yoga with a 93-year-old teacher and reads to Spanish children. Joan had ideas

Mickey Foley McDaniel and husband cruised the Danube, stopping in Budapest, Vienna, and Prague, and visited friends in Lake Tahoe. A granddaughter graduated last year from the University of Georgia; another is a college senior.

Carole Petley Toone, who works with the Culpeper Literacy Council, went to Michigan's Mackinac Island last September, and visited the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn. Her family traveled to celebrate her 80th birthday.

Angela Walton Barksdale visited Bald Head Island, North Carolina, with friends last fall. "Red"

Rosaneli Metzger spends half the year at Lake Winnepesaukee, New Hampshire, and has a Richmond winter home. She planned her annual holiday trip to NYC with her son, Father Joe, and their January visit to Rome, where last year she attended a private Mass with Pope Francis. Red has a granddaughter

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Beth Shochat Cole '59 has practiced yoga for 50 years.

at Longwood, a grandson at Hampden-Sydney, and another, a Kappa Sig, at U.Va.

Mary Linda Fitchett Elliott died in October at home near Eastville, Virginia. I've visited retirement communities but still live at the farm or in my in-town apartment.

1957

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In almost 10 years as class agent, I've had anxious moments of having no news to report, but you've always come through. Sadly, this time no one did! In September, my sweetheart had a serious stroke in his brain stem and continues in a skilled nursing facility at The Jefferson, where we now live. This, on top of his traumatic brain injury 17 years ago, set him back. I've been recovering from an upper respiratory infection and shingles. I'm sorry to report that no one volunteered to be class agent. I've enjoyed keeping in touch but must say goodbye to care for Mahlon. God bless, Joan.

1958

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1959

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Cecile Shipman Kaufman took a July Alaskan cruise. **Phyllis Hartleb Rowley** took an "Artistic Impressions" cruise.

Beth Shochat Cole is adjusting to the desert in Tucson, Arizona, after three years at the beach in Jacksonville. She rents a house from her daughter, who has a ranch and horse business. Beth has a coaching practice, offers a program at the library for job seekers, and has practiced yoga 50 years. She has three daughters and five grandchildren. Her oldest grandson is in a relationship with a woman who has a daughter, which will give Beth a great-grandchild. Beth's granddaughter studies biomedical and chemical engineering at Colorado State University. Her youngest

granddaughter, 16, a singer, attends the Denver School of the Arts.

UMW advocate **Irene Piscopo Rodgers** was recognized with an honorary doctorate of humane letters at commencement 2014.

Martha Spilman Clark and Paul hosted 11 abandoned boys and their families in March. Martha was honored at a retreat center as the first teaching director. Son John of Dallas, who reviews hotels, visited them. Son Billy of Peru was recently in the U.S. raising funds for Scripture Union work in Ecuador and Bolivia. Martha and Paul are busy with conferences on Bible study, ministry, and more.

Pat Proulx and Dan's grandson, Austin, Pamela and Mark's son, studies at the Virginia Tech School of Architecture. Granddaughter Meghan, a high school senior, plans to go to community college. John, Gray and Gina's third-grade son, takes karate and tennis. Dan attends football games and planned to take a December cruise, a trip to Sarasota, and to attend a friend's daughter's February wedding on Jekyll Island, Georgia.

Lucas is getting tall! He's fixated on Legos and learning about the U.S. states, and enjoys going to the movies (or is it the popcorn?).

The Class of 1959 Endowment totaled \$157,810 as of June 30, 2014. Donations in 2014 totaled \$10,939. The endowment supports Research and Creativity Day, held each April.

1960

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Dodie Tyrrell retired after 23 years as director of the California Department of Public Health's Alzheimer's program. She's still deputy administrative officer of the California Disaster Medical Assistance Team and said she'll resign when she can't tolerate sleeping on a military cot in an 18-person tent. She's still associated with the Metropolitan Opera national auditions and attended the Western region

auditions in Los Angeles and the national auditions in New York last year. In 2008, Dodie journeyed to Antarctica. In June, she became a "bi-polar" explorer, traveling again with Lindblad Expeditions and National Geographic to the Arctic Ocean, just south of the North Pole. She suited up daily for cold, wet-weather trips in a Zodiac raft along the pack ice and hiked through the Arctic landscape with armed guides for protection from polar bears. In 2013, she signed up for UMW's Alumni College trip to France and met a 1968 grad from Maine, who's married to **Travy Moncure Evans'** brother. In France, Dodie had ambulance rides to two hospitals, one for emergency hernia repair surgery, another for a head injury and black eye in Monaco. Thanks to the bullet train, she rejoined the river cruise in Lyon and hiked that evening in Tournon.

Jane Denslow McCrohan and Ed took a break from volunteering

Sherry Farrington Green '60 walked the last 120 miles of Spain's Camino de Santiago.

last September to drive across Washington State to visit their grandson, a college freshman. They were finishing assembling and painting a huge boat shed delivered to their backyard in pieces.

Gaye Roberts Olsen keeps busy with physical and occupational therapy programs in her retirement apartment. Two visits last year to Johns Hopkins confirmed for **Sandy Poole** that her brain dysplasia is gone, though she'll have annual checkups. By the time you read this, Sandy hoped to have recovered from knee surgery.

Sherry Farrington Green had her second hip replaced. She visited her grandkids back East, and they gathered on Peaks Island, Maine, where her son and his family live. In October, she walked the last 120 miles of Spain's Camino de Santiago.

Linda Fuller Watkins retired last year and traveled to Paris, where she celebrated her 76th birthday. She plays golf and tennis. Her daughter and family live nearby, and she has two grandchildren. Linda gets together yearly with **Ellen Dunne**

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Bresnahan of Boston. Ellen has several grandchildren; her eldest is a junior at Harvard.

Linda hears from **Teresa Horseman Ammon** of Atlanta. When Teresa read about suitemate **Betty Williams'** passing in 2013, she was reminded of their lunch 10 years earlier with **Trish Burke Duke** in Williamsburg, before Betty's health problems required her to move to assisted living. Teresa said Betty was the same then as when they had lunch with her in 1959. They didn't make our 50th, but Teresa and her husband visited campus after 2013 graduation. They gained entry to

Ball Hall, where they'd met and dated senior year. Her husband hasn't forgotten Mrs. "G" (Gochenour), the head resident.

Sue Smith Goodrick thanked us for her birthday card, as did **Natalie Robins Lehmann-Haupt**, who sent a picture of her husband on his 80th birthday with their grandson, 2.

Penny Engle Burkhardt and Brad visited their daughter, her new husband, and their granddaughter in Georgetown, Texas. They attended her grandson's 2014 graduation in Pembroke, New Hampshire, staying at the nearby family cottage and celebrating with a lake party for all the graduating kids.

Jan Latven Allnutt of Washington, D.C., said **Susan Cramer Drouin** rented a Maine house last summer for suitemates **Betty Bruce Shepard** of Richmond and **Joey Van Tol Goetz** of Florida. They spent three days laughing and sharing photos of families and grandchildren.

Rose Bennett Gilbert writes a weekly lifestyle and design column that allows her to cover whatever she wants. She visited Paris in



January, North Carolina's High Point Furniture Market in April, and the Contemporary Furniture Fair in NYC in May. Rose also writes the occasional magazine article and a twice-monthly e-newsletter for artists and designers who sell/license their work to manufacturers of everything from wallpaper to baby pajamas. Rose

Jane Denslow McCrohan '60 and Ed assembled and painted a huge boat shed in their backyard.

visited the British Virgins a year ago with son Bennett and his wee ones on a catamaran. He captained, and she played ballast. Last summer, she visited the Outer Banks; Quogue in the Hamptons; Salem, Massachusetts; and Staunton, Virginia.

Joyce Neill Krost's phone, computer, and printer died, and in trying to straighten everything out, she lost her email address. Her sister visited in October. **Nancy Moncure Deiss**, a leader at the National Gallery of Art, recently managed the accession of more than 17,000 works from the Corcoran Gallery of Art.

Karen Larsen Nelson and Darrell took an extended RV trip to Washington, Idaho, and Montana. They visited **Jane Denslow McCrohan** and Ed at their Puget Sound home across from Seattle. They reminisced about junior year in Marye Hall with roommates **Lucy Wu Wang** and **Jo Knotts Jones '61**, were invited to Jane's birthday celebration with her family, and took the Red Bus tour along the Going-to-the-Sun Road in Glacier National Park. In August, three of Karen's granddaughters, her daughter's daughters, gave them three more great-grandbabies, all born the same day. They now have seven great-grandchildren.

Jody Campbell Close basked in an August family reunion with all her children, their spouses, and all eight grandchildren. It was the first time in six years they were all in one place together. She attended a March family wedding seaside on Key Largo, a May family trip to Stafford and Fredericksburg, lacrosse games, and band concerts. Overcoming four big-ticket health "adventures" this year, Jody volunteers with the local Historical Village and genealogy societies. She planned to complete another

annual workshop as merit badge counselor for Boy Scouts earning their genealogy badge.

Sally Brown VanDuyne enjoys exercise, friends, and travel. She went to Mill Valley, California, last year to see her son and new grandson. She has three granddaughters and two grandsons.

Jane Choate Lorentz spent Labor Day with **Patty Morgan Connolly** on Martha's Vineyard. **Iris Hall Newton** checks *University of Mary Washington Magazine* for news of old friends and former student teachers. She mentored 14 of them from MWC and still hears from some.

We're delighted you want to read our reports and have a huge entry in each magazine while we still can! Write us a note with pen or computer. We hope you plan to be at our 55th reunion. It may seem to be a big effort, but it's worth it to be together once more and share memories no one else can share. See you in Fredericksburg!

1961

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From Connie: **Kelly Cherry's** forthcoming books included *A Kelly Cherry Reader* in fall and *Twelve Women in a Country Called America*, a collection of stories about Southern women, in spring. In November, she and Burke went to Madison and Waukesha, Wisconsin, to do a radio show and readings from *A Kind of Dream*. They spent three days in Budapest this past summer.

Clara Sue Durden Ashley is one fine, Christian, caring lady! One October day she saw a black snake under a bush next to the steps. When he was still there the next day, she noticed he was caught in the mesh her husband puts over plants to keep deer away. The snake was so entangled he couldn't move. Clarence brought scissors, Clara

picked up the snake and cut away the mesh, and the snake slithered away never to be seen again. The Ashleys received the Franciscan Cross in honor of their decades of service to St. Francis Episcopal Church.

Georgie Georgeou Rahnias said George had a heart attack in 2012 and underwent a triple bypass. He later developed dementia, so she's become a full-time caregiver. Granddaughter **Chrissy Gaul '16** is a Mary Washington junior and is on the tennis team. Georgie's husband and my Andy were high school classmates in Thessaloniki, Greece.

Carolyn Crum Pannu met with 30 Mary Washington alumni in Northern California at **Iris Harrell '69** and Ann Benson's stunning all-green Portola Valley home, about 30 minutes from Carolyn, near Stanford University. President Hurley sat at Carolyn's table at lunch, and she was to meet five Mary Washington alumni for happy hour at a nearby restaurant. Carolyn still works and keeps in touch with **Pat Scott Peck**, **Renee Levinson Laurents**, and **Lloyd Tilton Backstrom**.

Patty Cairns Hourin's mother, Doris Wallace, 98, died in October after a brief illness. A memorial service was held at Goodwin House, and burial was planned at Arlington with Patty's dad. Son Scott and family are in San Diego after a year in Stuttgart, Germany. Patty and Jim are in good health in Diamondhead, Mississippi. My friendship with her goes back to eighth grade in Baumholder, Germany, where our fathers were stationed. Doris was a

Brooks on Orcas Island, and Dan and Renate Connor in Portland and Manzanita. The Cairnses attended the Army-Air Force game at West Point, New York, and a small reunion with Doug's Air Force Academy friends. They stopped in Alexandria for a memorial service honoring Doris (Doug's mother) and to divide pictures and treasures.

Ellen Grumbly de Gail's brother passed away of a brain aneurysm last fall but didn't suffer at all. Andy and I visited fellow chemistry major **Jerri Barden Perkins** on Hilton Head Island in September. Her house is filled with art and antiques, and photos from her world travels with late husband Cal. She's still involved with clinical trials and does yoga, kayaks, and skis. Andy and I visited Charleston, South Carolina, in October. As we were beginning to extend our travels since my lung transplant, Andy had a minor heart attack and double bypass surgery in November and came through with flying colors.

From Renee: After living together almost 20 years, **Cathy Ledner Kuttner Polich** and her now husband married in October. They live mostly in Cornwall, New York, but Cathy spends a portion of her week at her place in South Orange, New Jersey. Her new hubby still works at 82, and Cathy volunteers in Newburgh, New York, and New Jersey.

Sylvia McJilton Woodcock and Stuart saw **Lloyd Tilton Backstrom** and Art and **Lynne Williams Neave** and Sandy at a November UMW Foundation meeting. The new

Sue Wilson Sproul '61 and her visiting granddaughter worked in a food kitchen making lunch for the homeless.

lovely, vibrant, fun-loving lady. She and Patty's father, "Bugs," were good friends of my parents and added much to the Army life there.

Dee Doran Cairns and Doug vacationed in California in August, taking a break from trips to Northern Virginia and southern Italy to visit friends and relatives, including Doug's classmate Bryce Jones at his vineyard on the Russian River, Terry Cairns and David and Mimi

student center (meals, activities, meeting rooms) is being built where Chandler was. It's an impressive building with columns that fit well in Ball Circle. Seacobeck will continue to have a faculty-staff dining room. A new Convergence Center has been built near Simpson Library, and the Jepson Science Center is slated for expansion. She invites you to come visit the campus. You'll be amazed!

My golden retriever, Gracie, died in October. I keep busy with classes at UCLA Extension, the theater and movies, and meals with friends. I remodeled my kitchen and breakfast room. I'll be an active participant in the clinical trial for another year and a half, then monitored for 10 years. I have no idea whether I'm getting the vaccine or placebo. Here's to all the best life has to offer.

From **Lynne**: **Nancy Wright** and a friend spent September through March in The Villages, Florida, but planned to visit Virginia for Christmas and New Year's and see the grandchildren. **Jane Riles** and hubby Jim Dietz returned to San Diego in October from a trip to Southeast Asia, visiting Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, and Vietnam. They planned to winter in Fort Lauderdale.

Sue Wilson Sproul enjoys summer in Colorado, playing host to those escaping heat and humidity, like their grandchildren from Virginia and travel club visitors. When granddaughter Audrey visited, she and Sue worked in the food kitchen making lunch for the homeless. Sue camped with grandson Nat, 11, in northern New Mexico, visiting the newly designated Headwaters of the Rio Grande National Monument, Taos, the Indian pueblo, and a fish hatchery.

For the better part of two years, **Marcy Trembath Pitkin** had undergone chemo for breast cancer, mastectomies, hospitalizations, and surgeries. She's feeling healthy but can't push much. Steve, whose health has steadily declined, is in a nursing home. Marcy takes art lessons, runs a church concert series, and offered her home as a staging area for her local congressman's campaign, with a stream of young people coming and going.

Art and **Lloyd Tilton Backstrom** traveled to Panama in September, visiting land around Panama City, small towns of the Azuero Peninsula, the Gamboa Rainforest Resort where some Americans lived while the canal was being built, Gatun Lake on a catamaran that slept 24 people, and Indian tribes. They also had visits with **Pat Scott Peck** on her travel path from Miami to Maine and back again. Once Pat moves to San Antonio, Lloyd's afraid they'll miss that treat! On the other hand, we may receive news from others in San Antonio, like

Candes Parker Chumney, **Bitsy Glascock Duperier**, and **Jill Cusack Clay**. Sadly, **Aggie Welsh Eyster** passed away in August.

All is well on the home front for my family. We're doing home

Judy Walsh White '62's play *Ariadne's Thread* is now in print.

improvements in NYC but can escape to Connecticut on weekends. We planned to spend Thanksgiving in Florida, visit Normandy, and take an Amazon cruise.

1962

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Judy Wolfe Allen and husband Jack took a river cruise in Europe for their 50th wedding anniversary. Jack spent two tours on a carrier flying F-8s over Vietnam, but Judy persuaded him to go anyway, and they flew to Paris, where they boarded a riverboat on the Seine. More than a third of the passengers were couples celebrating 50th anniversaries of graduation from West Point (Class of '64), and they had a great time ragging on Jack, Annapolis Class of '61. Judy walks regularly in the U.K. with friends from the U.S. Their smaller home near the San Diego beach gives Judy more time for reading, genealogy, and walking.

Jane Walshe McCracken and her sister made their annual visit to relatives and had lunch in Charlottesville with **Emily Lewis** and **Joan Akers Rothgeb**. In September, Jane and her sister traveled to Ireland to visit places their paternal relatives came from. They read papers written by Walshe relatives from the early 1800s at the library at Dublin's Trinity College, visited New Ross, from where their great-grandfather emigrated to New Orleans, and ended the visit in Termonfeckin, where their five times great-grandparents were buried.

Judy Walsh White and husband Chris attended a spring show of **Nancy Burch Brassington**, *Life*

Made Still: The Last Ten Years, at the Art Alliance of Central Pennsylvania. Nancy's work was to be at NYC's Agora Gallery, which represents her, in December and January. One of Judy's plays, *Ariadne's Thread*, is now in print.

Gayle Harris Stevens '63 wrote after learning of the death of freshman roommate **Carolyn deCamps Dunaway**. They had

kept in touch, and Carolyn had told Gayle of her interest in archaeology.

Noel Supple's mother, 97, lives with her. Noel swims, visits museums, and hosts family and friends.

Marcia Kirstein Fitzmaurice and husband Ed moved to Coconut Creek, Florida. **Nancy Cheek Mitchell** traveled to England with two retired professors from Shenandoah University. Her son and his family returned to Richmond after living in China. Nancy has a granddaughter who's a James Madison University freshman.

Much sympathy to **Donna Floyd**

In Russia, Karen Vandevanter Morrison '63 remembered Jo Dreher '63 trying to teach her the Cyrillic alphabet.

Parker, whose husband, Scott, passed away this past summer. Donna's sister, Patra, spent time with Donna and **Gale Taylor**. Drew and Lewis were with Donna for Scott's service.

Barbara Schwab Jesser and husband Bill, who still does research, spent a fall month at their Hawaii property. **Joan Akers Rothgeb** and Eddie spent a day with the Jessers at their Shenandoah Valley river home.

Diana Copple Smith, still teaching, looked forward to celebrating her dad's 100th birthday. He lives at Richmond's Westminster Canterbury. Diana visited last fall with **Mary Chambers Hodnett Minozzi**, who lives near Richmond on property once part of Civil War battlefields. They scoured MWC yearbooks and reminisced about friends.

Gale Taylor Drew, **Bettie Stewart Kienast**, **Emily Lewis**, **Barbara**

Schwab Jesser, **Joan Akers Rothgeb**, and **Maggie Walker McAlister** met for lunch in Nelson County this summer.

The Austin, Texas, alumni chapter, now with 14 members, was heading to Bastrop, Texas, in November for a history tour, with **Lucy Ritter Todd** and **Janice Tucker Goebel** '76 hosting. A friend of theirs was to open her grand Victorian home for the group. Several years ago Lucy and Janice met each other and discovered that Janice was from the same county in Virginia as Joan Akers Rothgeb and had babysat Joan's children years ago. Lucy and husband Frank planned to spend Christmas in Portland, Oregon, with Frank's son and daughter-in-law.

The Class of 1962 Scholarship totaled \$36,753 as of June 30, 2014. Donations in 2014 totaled \$5,500. **Georgiana Silva**, a freshman from Vienna, Virginia, is the first recipient of the \$1,220 scholarship.

MWC connections are so special. We'd love to hear from more of our classmates.

1963

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Betsy Lydle Smith and Pete still live on Bainbridge Island, Washington. She was busy helping with Carson and Ty, the twin boys her daughter welcomed just 28 weeks into her pregnancy.

Kent and **Karen Vandevanter Morrison**, also from the greater Seattle area, have five children and 11 grandchildren, ages 1 to

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14, between them. Last summer while on the East Coast seeing her son and his crew, Karen caught up with **Carol Van Ness Clapp**. Karen and Kent took a river cruise, inspired by a history class she took at MWC, between St. Petersburg and Moscow. Looking at signs in Russian, Karen remembered **Jo Dreher** trying to teach her the Cyrillic alphabet. Karen still plays tennis. She and her partner participated in July's Washington State Senior Games.

Linda Gulnac Steelman and Bill traveled to Kenya and Tanzania in October for the great migration of wildebeest and zebra. They got so close to the animals they could hear lions lapping water and elephants tearing grass. They saw lions communicating with their pride to set up for a kill, a cheetah teaching her young to handle her fresh kill of a baby antelope, and giraffes fighting with their necks. They visited a Masai village and rode a balloon over the Masai Mara, skimming trees and flying so close to the ground they could spot frogs in water holes.

Sheila Holt Wahl, who lives outside Oregon City, Oregon, was widowed eight years ago. She manages a private drinking water system, is active at church, travels, quilts, and gardens. She visited her mother, 99, in Virginia and spent a day with former roommate **Nancy Cocke Campbell '64**.

Kay Barret Bilisoly is an artist, painting mostly in oils and acrylics. She's an instructor at a Wilmington, North Carolina, painting-party franchise. She planned a week of *plein air* painting with a group in May on Spain's Costa Brava.

Courtney Lawson Sjostrom and husband John, married in 1965, have lived in Virginia, Philadelphia, NYC, and Winnetka, Illinois. When Courtney was a social worker in Essex County, New Jersey, she saw **Betsy Evans Manchester**, who grew up there and was living in New York City, and **Linda Gulnac Steelman** and her husband. In 2001, Courtney

and John moved to Maryland's Eastern Shore, where they're on the water and can kayak from their dock, boat, and hunt for sea glass. They're active at church, volunteer for a riding therapy program and food pantry, and attend Washington College adult classes. Courtney serves on the board of HomePorts, an organization for the elderly. Daughter Anne, husband Michael, and their children, Lars and Siri, live in Durham, North Carolina, where Anne works in admissions for Duke, traveling the world. Son Erik, wife Robin, and their boys, Kerr and Brooks, live in Needham,

for her parents for many years. Her mother died at 98, and her father turned 100 in June. Palmer and her Labradoodle, Daisey Doodle, live in their own home about a mile from her father. Her travel companion, duplicate bridge partner, and fellow kayaker also has a Labradoodle. Palmer is still saddened by **Pamela Beth Brookes Weiseman's** passing two years ago. They were roomies sophomore year and had been close since. Palmer was blessed to see her the week before she died.

Rather than winter at a Florida golf course, **Kathy Friedman Levinson**

Some of **Courtney Lawson Sjostrom '63's** most memorable times have been with Rebuilding Together after hurricanes Katrina and Sandy.

Massachusetts. Erik works for Harvard Health Systems and Robin was taking time off after working since graduating from the Wharton School. Some of Courtney's most memorable times have been volunteering for Rebuilding Together after Hurricane Katrina on the Gulf Coast and in New Jersey after Sandy. They went to Haiti to work 15 years ago. They visited Australia and New Zealand in January 2014, an early celebration of their 50th anniversary this year.

Chris Dorner Clark wrote *Letters From Berlin*, a memoir about meeting her future husband at a freshman mixer at Ann Carter Lee Hall. An army helicopter pilot, he was in Berlin when the Wall went up.

Betsy Chamberlain Hartz retired in November. During summer, she and her daughter visited a lifelong friend in Toronto. From there, they went to their cottages on Georgian Bay, two hours from Toronto. It's a half-hour boat ride to the island, so there was lots of sailing, kayaking, and swimming. Betsy, **Mary Saunders Latimer**, **Nancy Lee Leidy**, and another high school friend celebrated **Sally Tarrant Bernert's** birthday. The four of them are the Steel Magnolias, and Mary is now an honorary member! At a 55th high school reunion, Betsy saw **Betsy Loving Robbins** and **Betsey Bourke Christian**.

Susan Palmer Walbridge Davies prefers to go by "Palmer." She lives in The Villages, Florida, the world's largest adult community. She's cared

and Sandy planned to spend three winter months in Santa Barbara, California. Daughter Karin lives in Los Angeles, son David in Colorado. Involved in a study for a trial drug for Crohn's disease, Kathy feels much better. Maybe she'll hear from **Barbara Scherberger Offerman**, who lives in Santa Barbara.

I got notes from two of my sister **Connie Booth Logothetis's** classmates, **Bev Carlson Shea '61** and **Lloyd Tilton Backstrom '61**. Bev found a missing classmate who left during sophomore year, **Suzanne Blaisdell Grant**, who lives in Upper Nyack, New York.

Lloyd made sure our class knew about the death of **Gertrude "Tabbie" Debutts Cain**. Apparently, **Barbara Elliot Adams** and Tabbie were good friends for years. Barbara spoke at Tabbie's funeral and is godmother to Tabbie's daughter, Dulany. Lloyd's sister, **Lee Tilton**, who left our class after freshman year, lives in Denver.

David and I headed west in August with our dogs and camping trailer. We saw Yellowstone, Mount Rushmore, Craters of the Moon, Glacier, the Badlands, and the Little Bighorn Battlefields. We didn't make it to North Dakota, so I'm still missing one state on my bucket-list quest to visit all 50. We had to get back for my son-in-law's induction into the Gettysburg College Athletic Hall of Fame. My rescue dog, Mr. MacDoodle, passed his therapy dog test, so we're involved in a Kids

Read to Dogs program sponsored by the Carlisle YWCA. I'm a retired elementary school librarian and dog lover, so the program suits me perfectly.

I set up a Shutterfly share site – UMW Class of '63 – after our 50th reunion. If you don't know how to load photos, send them to me and I'll do it for you. The Office of Alumni Relations set up a Facebook page for us before reunion. Since we had some success last time, I'm posting names of more randomly selected missing classmates: **Matilda "Sue" Vickrey Kromming**, **Elizabeth "Ibby" LeSueur**, **Marilyn Twiss Liebrock**, **Pamela Pond**, and **Carol Haacke**.

Many thanks to all who sent news. Betsy and I love hearing from you and sharing your stories.

1964

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After the excitement of last spring's big 50th class reunion, we're quiet, but there is some news.

Betty Waller attended a family reunion with friend Sam and celebrated the 150th anniversary of the Battle of New Market, a small town near Lexington, Virginia. Betty's grandfather, Robert Waller, was among the VMI cadets who participated in the battle, a great victory for the South. The movie *The Field of Lost Shoes* was in the works about the lives of cadets who fought in the battle.

Our sympathy goes to **Jackie Williams Towler**, whose husband, Horace, was buried in August at Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors. He had served as an Army colonel in Korea and Vietnam. Son John has one son and two stepsons.

Lou Davis Smith and her husband of 50 years took a September river cruise from Vienna to Amsterdam. Lou loved spending time with **Sharon Belknap Brown** and **Jeanne Fornes Wendt** at the reunion. **Patti Jones Schacht** attended an August family reunion and traveled to Northern Ireland in search of family roots. I communicate with Patti, **Helen Clarke Calhoun**, **Beverley Sulpice Persell '62**, and others on Facebook.

Joanne Crockett Lewis and Marvin couldn't make our reunion, but

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Oceanographer Aids Marine Navigators

For **Jenifer Higgins Clark '69**, going off to college meant going across the street.

Her childhood home on Sunken Road had offered a panoramic view of the Mary Washington College campus – a vast playground of soft-sloping hills and stately buildings she'd spent countless hours exploring.

So when Clark's parents told her and twin sister **Judith Higgins Hoyer '69** that if they wanted to go to college, they would have to attend Mary Washington as day students, she felt a tinge of disappointment.

Looking back, she knows she needn't have.

Clark had developed a fascination with figures as a first-grader, tutoring math while still in grade school, so she majored in the subject. The math professors at Mary Washington challenged Clark and taught her to think independently, she said. They left her well prepared for graduate studies at Johns Hopkins University and, later, for a longtime career as a satellite oceanographer.

After graduation, Clark landed her

first job with the Naval Oceanographic Office in Washington, D.C., near the apartment she shared with childhood friend **Sally Cooke Hanlein '69**. When downsizing ended the job after about a year, Clark went to work for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. She earned a master's degree in oceanography in 1975 and became a leading expert on the Gulf Stream, a powerful current in the Atlantic that impacts the world's climate and weather patterns.

After retirement, Clark and her meteorologist husband, Dane, parlayed their expertise into an oceanography business called Jenifer Clark's Gulfstream in Dunkirk, Maryland. They provide marine support to sailors and sailboat racers, swimmers and fishers in search of the most optimal ocean routes. Among their clients: Diana Nyad, who at the age of 64 swam from Cuba to Florida in 2013.

Clark's Mary Washington education was valuable, she said, but her college years also turned out to be fun. Many childhood friends – including her still-best friend Hanlein – were classmates.

So was Clark's family dog, Stranger.

The collie-spaniel mix followed Clark around campus, often sitting at her feet during classes or whining outside the door, she said. "Back then, all the town dogs would hang out on campus, including my dog."

Stranger had an uncanny ability to know when and where Clark's classes were. He was generally welcomed – or at least overlooked – by professors. Clark's German teacher was one exception: He would politely ask Clark to remove the "stinky dog" from class, she said. "We used to say Stranger flunked German and passed everything else."

Today Clark keeps a house full of dogs. She tutors math in her free time. And she remains grateful for the education she earned at Mary Washington.

"I thought it was like a consolation prize," Clark said. "It turned out to be a real piece of gold."

– Kristin Davis



"Back then, all the town dogs would hang out on campus, including my dog." – Jenifer Higgins Clark

Math and dogs remain important to Gulf Stream expert Jenifer Higgins Clark, who helps mariners find optimal ocean routes.

'69



they visited Mike and **Helen Vakos Standing** this summer in Virginia Beach, relaxing on their boat before driving to Richmond to stay with **Sally Crenshaw Witt** and husband Sam in Richmond. (I stayed with the Witts for the reunion.) The four of them had lunch with **Barbara Humphries Davenport** and her husband at their house on Cary Street, and they all celebrated Sally and Sam's anniversary with dinner at the Commonwealth Club. Joanne and Marvin also visited **Florence Young Ballback** and husband Butch in Virginia Beach.

For ages, I resisted Facebook but finally joined and love it! I'm always

of his alma mater when they were playing UK the same weekend. I saw **Cathy May Tyler Findley** at the October Dunwoody Tour of Homes. She and husband Harry are well. I visited my daughter and her family in California in October, had Thanksgiving with my son and his family in Germany, and went back to California for Christmas. I play on two tennis teams, am in three book clubs, and don't plan to slow down for another 10 years!

Bobby Barrett Crisp is president of the Woman's Club of Fredericksburg. Her sister **Grace Dahmke '68** of Florida was there for her 50th reunion at Stafford

reunion at the Naval Academy, then visited Atlantic City and Philadelphia, seeing her sister in New Market on both ends of the trip. Last fall, they spent weeks in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, and Vail, Colorado. To celebrate their 50th anniversary in January, they planned a cruise from Berlin to Prague.

Felicity Hallanan cruised the Baltic Sea last spring, stopping in Copenhagen, Tallinn, St. Petersburg, and Stockholm. This is her seventh year producing a 20-page tabloid newsletter, *The Blizzard*, for the National Association of the 10th Mountain Division. They were preparing to attend the 2015 General Convention of the Episcopal Church in Salt Lake City and are active in the Diocese of Central New York.

Susan Irons retired after 33 years teaching but returns to sub for friends. She and husband Jim enjoy their California mountain condo, hiking to lakes and peaks. They recently visited France and Italy, took a river cruise from Paris to Normandy, and went truffle hunting in Umbria. Son Tyler lives in California too. He's single, but they're hopeful! **Agnes Bush Shives** sent a picture of herself, **Ophelia Baker Crowley** of Richmond, and **Sonja "Toni" Algren Schuyler** at Toni's Jericho, Vermont, home. They toured Burlington, the State House in Montpelier, Shelburne Museum, and the Olympic Park Biodome in Montreal, Canada. They planned to get together again in May for our 50th reunion.

Linda Patterson Hamilton and Austin of Colorado have two of

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Switzerland. They flew to Dresden, Germany, to see the reconstructed Frauen Kirche, took a river cruise from Nuremberg to Budapest, flew to Rome, and returned to Virginia. In 2014, they visited Hawaii with their older son, his wife, and their daughters, and were at South Carolina's Kiawah Island Resort with their younger son and his wife, son, and daughter. Dan retired but Kitty still teaches adult ESOL in Prince William County, Virginia. They're active at church and do volunteer work.

1966

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Barbara "Bobbi" Bishop Mann visited Iceland with husband Robert for her 70th birthday, taking day trips from Reykjavik and capitalizing on the Iceland "midnight sun." Bobbi organized an October MWC Lunch Bunch gathering at La Petite Auberge in Fredericksburg and posted a photo of the group with **Anne Claggett**, **Jana Privette Ustry**, **Pat Lewars Pace**, **Carolyn Eldred**, **Pam Kearney Patrick**, **Tyla Matteson**, **Lois Rucker Scott**, **Lee Enos Kelley**, **Mary Kathryn Rowell Horner**, **Sheila Denny Young**, and herself. Just after she took the photo,

Susan Irons '65 and her husband went truffle hunting in Umbria.

in touch with former students, classmates, and colleagues. Warmest wishes to each of you. Don't forget to send news!

1965

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Please send me your updated contact information so I can keep everyone up on our 50th reunion planning. This is the last reunion where we'll be separately honored, so it would be great to have a wonderful turnout! If you don't plan to come, send your news so I can share it with classmates on my mailing list. We can't share pictures in *UMW Magazine*, but if you have some, send them to me, and I'll get them to my MWC contacts.

I spent an August week with **Susan Spatig Schmidt '64** at her beach house near Wilmington, North Carolina. We hadn't seen each other in 33 years but picked up where we left off. Recently widowed, Susan spends time between her Richmond and North Carolina homes. We played cards and reminisced about playing bridge while we should've been studying! **Sue Wooldridge Rosser** and I got together in November. She meets annually with **Carolyn Shockey Moore** and **Linda Cline Holden** at the Kentucky horse races and promised to try to talk them into coming to our 50th reunion in May. Linda and husband Doug went to the football game

High School. Her other sister, **Margaret Hein '64**, celebrated her 50th at UMW.

Marianne deBlois Zentz '69 said sister **Madeleine "Lynn" deBlois** has a business called Pretzelphoria, with seasoned and chocolate pretzels, and works crafts events from Virginia to Connecticut. **Lee Smith Musgrave**, who lives in the mountains in Blacksburg, had lain low since breaking her leg in August. She was on a knee scooter for nine weeks and hoped to be walking by Thanksgiving.

Penny Partridge Booth took a river cruise with her sister, from Prague to Paris. They sailed on the Moselle, Main, and Rhine rivers and took guided tours of 10 cities, including her favorites, Wurzburg (where her daughter worked three years for Procter and Gamble), Heidelberg, and Luxembourg. All but four of the 180 vacationers were in their 60s, 70s, or 80s.

Louise Stevens Robbins and **Diane Coptly Fadely** got together in April in Fredericksburg with **Miriam Houston Jones Parsons**. **Sandy Byrum Smith** and her husband are active in church. They visited Mount St. Helens, Mount Rainier, Olympic National Park, Lake Tahoe, and Colorado, and saw children and grandchildren. In May, they planned to celebrate her 50th reunion at U.Va. and their 50th wedding anniversary.

Janice Helvey Robinson and Rob were in Annapolis for Rob's 50th

Latin major Pat Lewars Pace '66 rejoiced at finally getting to see the Coliseum and Roman Forum.

their four children and all their grandchildren nearby. They toured Israel in September and planned their first trip to her birthplace, Key West, Florida, in January with her brother, John, and his wife.

Kathryn "Kitty" Burruss Stapleton and husband Dan celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in August, traveling to Europe and visiting a former exchange student and his family in Zurich,

Pam Ward Hughes arrived. Bobbi also posted a photo of the Mary Washington seal, still displayed in the entrance of E. Lee Trinkle, our old library.

Jana Privette Ustry admitted that the day of the luncheon was actually her 71st birthday, which prompted the group to burst into song. Jana had a major celebration last year to mark her 70th, along with a thank-you gala/fundraiser honoring

her devoted cancer caregivers. Jana remains active with One Voice Chorus and takes voice lessons.

Pat Lewars Pace spent five weeks in September and October in Europe with **Linda Glynn Hutchinson** and two other ladies. In Romania, they saw churches and monasteries with painted exteriors on the UNESCO World Heritage list. In Croatia, they visited the Adriatic coast then proceeded to Bosnia, Slovenia, and Italy. Linda attended the weekly audience with the pope while Pat absorbed the art and architecture of the Galleria Borghese. Pat, a Latin major, rejoiced at finally getting to see the Coliseum and Roman Forum.

Carolyn Eldred is building a house in the Celebrate Virginia active adult community near Mary Washington's Stafford campus and planned to sell her house in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Joan Cuccias Patton missed the luncheon this time because she was in Australia! She attended a September family wedding in Mobile, Alabama, and broke her foot. Joan substitute teaches, often at her daughter's neighborhood school, combining an overnight with her work.

Mary Kathryn Rowell Horner celebrated her 70th with golf friends, neighbors, lunch, and frozen yogurt. She and Charlie headed for Florida after Christmas to winter with golfing friends. They planned an April return to Northern Virginia.

Pam Kearney Patrick's watercolor miniatures continue to win awards. She sent a picture of her latest winner, *From a Distance*, inspired by photos she took along the Garden State Parkway near Ocean City.

Caroline Hoagland Stone retired in June after 47 years in education as a classroom teacher, special ed therapist, director of children's ministries in a church, director of fine arts, and, for the last 13 years, director of admissions. She worked mostly in independent Christian

K-12 schools and taught in Virginia, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Florida, and Annapolis, Maryland. In July, Caroline moved from Annapolis to Jacksonville to build a lake house next door to her daughter and family, including two of her 10 grandchildren. Caroline belatedly celebrated her 70th birthday with a November Eastern Caribbean cruise. She plans a June Eastern Mediterranean cruise from Venice to Istanbul.

Marty Spigel Sedoff traveled with her husband for her 70th to San Francisco to see son John Riedlinger in the play *Lasso of Truth* at the Marin Theatre in Mill Valley. They also saw other relatives and flew from there to NYC for their annual theater weekend. Every other year Marty organizes a trip to the most recent Tony-award-winning musical for the Edina High School (Minnesota) theater actors and technicians. This year they also saw the Tony drama winner. Marty still tap dances and enjoys performing in nursing homes.

Ginny Bateman Brinkley and **Ryan Stewart Davis** celebrated their 70th birthdays in Hawaii with their husbands and children. Ginny and Bill were married 35 years in March. **Anne Fortney**, a nationally recognized expert in the Fair Credit Reporting Act and other consumer financial privacy laws, received a lifetime achievement award from the College of Consumer Financial Service Lawyers in April 2014.

Sandy Hutchison Schanné and daughter Amy made a special joint celebration of their milestone birthdays, her 70th and Amy's 40th, with trips to Seattle, Washington, and Victoria, Canada. Amy returned to Denver, and Sandy went to Port Townsend to visit suitemate **Katie Hales Fleming '65**. They met **Ryan Stewart Davis** for a waterside lunch. Sandy planned to host her daughter from Colorado, her sons from Texas and Loudoun County, Virginia, and all nine grandchildren for the holidays.

Winnie Woodson Stribling combined her 70th birthday celebration with a trip to Europe. In July, she and Brad traveled with their church and local high school choirs, directed by the same music director, on his retirement tour through Europe. They sang in noted venues in London, Paris, and Rome, culminating at the Vatican with Mass

in the Bernini chapel and singing in the Sistine chapel. Winnie directs several handbell choirs in the San Francisco area. She lives near the city, Berkeley, and Napa Valley. Daughter Sarah works part time and takes computer courses at the local junior college. They all enjoyed the Giants' World Series win! **Kathleen Crawford Hoffman** took her first trip to Europe in September, traveling through Ireland and England, and seeing the inside of Buckingham Palace.

Ann Kales Lindblom celebrated her 70th a bit late, cruising with husband Steve, their three children (two sons are serving in the military) and spouses, five grandchildren, and two family dogs on their yacht, Bravo, to the Cambridge Hyatt on the Chesapeake Bay.

Prentiss Davies Murphy hosted this year's "Fearsome Foursome," a turning-70 reunion, at her Virginia Beach home. She and **Julia Bondurant Freeman** of Summerville, South Carolina, **Carol Pettigrew Laylin** of Orange, Virginia, and **Sally Albrecht**

and last summer hosted Carole's sister and family from Texas, their first visit in 14 years!

Clair Golihew Cosby's daughter gave her a June 70th birthday party at Clair's home, with 67 friends. Clair loves to entertain but hadn't tried anything this big since her husband died four years ago. She's active at church and leads two grief support groups.

Diana Hamilton Cowell of South Bethany, Delaware, began the year with the Eskimo Plunge. Thanks to a second knee replacement, she still swims and does other outdoor activities. Involved with making Periers, France, a sister city with Bethany Beach, Diana sent a photo of herself at the dedication of a new monument commemorating the deaths of American soldiers in a battle to liberate Periers. During the town's 70th anniversary celebration of the liberation in July, she read the names of each soldier, carried greetings and gifts from the Bethany Beach mayor, presented a letter of greeting from the president of the University of Mary Washington,

Diana Hamilton Cowell '66 of Delaware began the year with the Eskimo Plunge.

Brennan of Portsmouth, Virginia, reminisced about their MWC days. Prentiss, a pro at creating memorabilia masterpieces, had organized photo albums to jog their memories. They visited the boardwalk, Norfolk Botanical Gardens, Hermitage House and Museum on the Lafayette River, and Challenge Aerial Park, constructed in the tops of pine trees. They also enjoyed seafood at Blue Pete's Restaurant in the bayous of Back Bay and being together again as suitemates, "just like old times!"

Carole Trent Fletcher marked her 70th with a weekend family birthday party hosted by two of her children, who live in Northern Virginia. Two others came from Savannah, Georgia, and New York. The following weekend Carole and Tom's other daughter and family traveled from Philadelphia to the Northern Neck for an extended celebration. Tom gardens, and he and Carole volunteer at the local museum and church. Carole sings with four choral groups. They visit Tom's siblings in western and Northern Virginia

and delivered an American flag from Sen. Tom Carper of Delaware. Diana and her husband are hosting a high school senior from Brittany, France. Diana passed the Homeland Security check and works part time doing interviews related to the unemployment index.

Cathe Cantwell Luria prepared for her 70th by defeating early breast cancer and having a pacemaker installed. She did her first Mother's Day 5K "Run Like a Mother" race in Portland in May, placing first in the 70-plus group. Daughter Sacha joined her. Cathe exchanged her flute for voice and sings soprano in two choruses. Her husband sings bass. She's in a 48-voice Episcopal choir and takes voice lessons. She tried studying Spanish in Guatemala last summer but was assigned to a host family who spoke mostly Maya. It wasn't until Sacha, a bilingual teacher who taught her three children to speak Spanish, joined her that Cathe finally learned why she couldn't understand them.

Susanne Landerghini Boehm's husband, Ralph, is retired from

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public school music education in Prince William County, Virginia, and gives private lessons. Susanne's musician referral business has slowed but still does bookings for weddings and parties. Their two single sons, nearby in Arlington and Alexandria, visit their Vienna home. Susanne celebrated her 70th in April with a party at home. Her sons provided the food, including Susanne's favorite, red devil layer cake with vanilla icing.

Midge Meredith Poyck of Oro Valley, Arizona, enjoyed a surprise 70th birthday party given by her daughter and son-in-law. A friend from South Carolina flew out for the event. Midge keeps fit with outdoor activities, including hiking. She and gal pals took a March trip to the Grand Canyon and plan a spring hiking excursion in Utah.

Eileen Goddard Albrigo and **Kathleen Goddard Moss** shared a twin 70th birthday at Clyde's at Willow Creek in Ashburn, Virginia. Their husbands and children organized a family brunch with 11 adults and 11 children. Kathy's children in Spain, Ohio, and California were there in spirit. Eileen's husband, John, celebrated his 70th in August with another family brunch at their country home in Upperville, Virginia. There, daughter Liz announced the anticipated March arrival of their 12th grandchild.

Kathleen and husband Tom, planning to fully retire from their part-time jobs by summer, were thinning their possessions and preparing the house for sale. They plan to spend several months traveling before

then traveled to Wilmington, Delaware, to meet **Barbi Barriga Rowe**. Susan surprised them by accompanying Barbi. They spent the night in The Temperance Inn, Barbi's 1827 home in Unionville, Pennsylvania, an inn for drovers and cowboys in the 1840s. Barbi took them to the 1714 London Grove Friends Meeting House; the 1836 West Chester Friends School, where she's director of admissions; the Wyeth Art Collection at the Brandywine River Museum; and other attractions. Yvonne, Betsy, and Susan continued to NYC, staying in Susan's apartment overlooking Central Park. They saw sights including the 9/11 World Trade Center site and Central Park, and attended the Santa Fe Ballet at the Joyce Theater. Betsy continued north to Providence to meet her cousin, Kathy, and returned home with her to Lexington, Massachusetts.

Judy Wells Clark planned to tour Japan this fall with Classic Strings Duo Kevin Matheson and Bryan Matheson, and opera singers Amy Cofield Williamson and Scott Williamson, playing in Tokyo's Yamaha Concert Hall and in Yokohama.

Katharine Rogers Lavery celebrated several 70th birthdays with classmates and friends but hasn't reached that milestone herself. She and Hank were expecting three grand-nieces/nephews before her birthday. A grandson planned an October wedding. Katharine tutors math, knits, sews, plays trumpet at church and weddings, and joins Hank with the Pentagon Sailing Club. They attended a November

After 10 years without a fixed land base, more than 17 years after they moved from their last house, **Sheryl Gates Brindle** and Paul closed in October on a house near Arizona's Lake Havasu, a dammed lake and boating mecca along the Colorado River System. They'd lived the last 15 years on their boat and in an RV. Their older son and his family live in San Diego. Their younger son and his family live in Germany.

Marianne DeBlois Zentz, and **Christie Wineholt**.

Betty Wade Miles Perry of Virginia Beach loves her grandchildren and North Carolina's Outer Banks. She took a tourist-type trip there, looking for wild horses, seeing light-houses and the Wright Brothers Memorial, and taking a ferry to Ocracoke. She visited the nature preserve in Chincoteague.

After years in Liberia, **Lyn Holmes Gray '69** and **Jim** were evacuated because of the Ebola outbreak, but soon returned to help.

1968

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1969

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As your new class agent, I've gathered much information about your classmates by threatening to print make-believe things that wouldn't be pretty.

Jean Polk Hanky thanked our Reunion Committee. The campus knew we were there! We won for best class tent decoration, picked up the outstanding alumni service (**Patti Boise Kemp**) and outstanding alumni (**Iris Harrell**) awards, and had the highest participation of contributors to UMW and its programs. Could it have been any better, girls?

Jean said the new Hyatt Place Hotel was great, with convenient shuttle buses and a short walk to campus. When you come to the 50th reunion, you'll definitely want to stay there.

After the reunion, **Marianne DeBlois Zentz** took a birthday trip to Los Angeles to see her son. She took a ferry to Santa Catalina Island, kayaked in the Pacific, and played tennis.

Anne Hoskot Kreutzer and Tom got married right out of college and celebrated their 45th anniversary. They retired from their plumbing business in 2006 and sold it. She has four sons and seven grandchildren and travels to see them all. Anne visited with **Lyn Holmes Gray**,

Betty Olander Adams has a law practice and Dorsey Rock Farm. **Jane Jackson Woerner** moved her mother, whose memory is fading, to Florida, near her. Jane had a brief visit with **Connie Hinson**, who moved back to Kilmarnock from Warsaw, Virginia.

Carole Phipps lives in Los Gatos, California, just down the road from me, **Phyllis Newby Thompson**, and **Suzanne McCarthy Van Ness**. She left her corporate job three years ago and is an adjunct professor, teaching organizational behavior at San Jose State University's business school. Her life partner, Paula Hundley, is a consultant who helps teachers use computers in their classrooms. Both love to golf.

Suzanne McCarthy Van Ness took a Mediterranean cruise with her roommate from senior year, **Barbara Macon Sacha**, who lives in Winter Park, Florida, with husband Tom. They spent time in Venice, Italy. Suzanne also saw **Sue Farnham Piatt '68**, who was visiting son Jeff. He and wife Rajaa have doctoral degrees and teach at Berkeley.

Bev Holt, my roommate, came to our 45th reunion. We visited her mother, Willie, in a Richmond retirement home. Willie visited Bev and partner Deb in their Raleigh-Durham home to celebrate turning 90. Bev is a museum docent. Deb sells printing equipment.

Anne Witham Kilpatrick visited with roomie **Jeanine Zavrel Fearnis** in a West Virginia mountain cabin owned by Jeanine's son. They plan a gathering this year with suitemates **Susie Bender Winterble** and **Toni Turner Bruseth** in Austin, Texas.

One of **Chibba Waters '69's** daughters is a producer for **AC360** with **Anderson Cooper**.

relocating to a retirement community, possibly in the San Francisco area near their son.

Susan Roth Nurin invited four of her Spanish House *amigas* to visit NYC for an extended combined 70th birthday adventure. **Yvonne March** flew from Tampa, Florida, and **Betsy Chappellear Tryon** flew from Redondo Beach, California. They spent the night with **Katharine Rogers Lavery**, who met them in Washington, D.C. They drove through the city,

reception at the British Embassy honoring U.K. and U.S. veterans, including five from WWII, and marking the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day.

1967

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Frances McDonald's mother, **Jeanne Veazey McDonald '46**, died in January.

Toni and archaeologist husband Jim co-authored *From a Watery Grave*, a book about the exhibit of the 18th-century ship LaBelle he discovered in the Gulf of Mexico several years ago.

Jeanine Zavrel Fearns traveled to Alaska last year and planned to visit daughter Erin at Disney World. **Donna Cannon Julian** took a Catholic pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

Chibba Waters lives in Temple Terrace, Florida, with two rescue dogs. She's an American Greetings Cards merchandiser, tutors elementary school students, goes to the beach, and makes greeting cards with watercolor, acrylics, collage, and photos. One of her daughters is director of career development at Baltimore's Maryland Institute College of Art. The other is a producer for AC360 with Anderson Cooper.

Pam Hogan Baynard, Chibba's MWC roommate, lives in Suffolk, Virginia. Son Nathan and partner Robert got married in Los Angeles, with their daughter as the maid of honor. Pam spent time in Texas this summer and visited **Nancy Stevenson Leeper** and husband Bob, eating at the famous Salt Lick BBQ in Austin. **Laura Tee Johnson Atherton** and her family

President Hurley and wife Rose came to my (**Iris Harrell**) home in November for the first official meeting of the UMW Northern California Alumni Network. We had almost 30 alumni, from the Class of '59 to the Class of '13! I recently decided to recapture the childhood I missed as the oldest in charge of my siblings. I retired as CEO and full-time employee of the remodeling firm I founded 30 years ago. It's now completely owned by all 43 employees, and the new leaders have been with the company for years. I play golf. My spouse, Ann, and I have traveled in the last 18 months, visiting the Italian Alps, south of France, Kenya, and throughout Europe. I had forgotten how fun it was to be a kid! We're staying in the US of A in 2015 or we'll lose our "homebody" status.

The Class of 1969 Laura V. Sumner Memorial Scholarship totaled \$70,693 as of June 30, 2014. **Megan Garvin '18**, from King George, Virginia, and **Cheyenne Johnson '18**, from Goodview, Virginia, received scholarships.

Let me hear from you ... or I may get creative and make something up.

Jan Sullivan-Chalmers '70 has trained as a Florida Supreme Court mediator.

visited Pam and husband Chuck at their Outer Banks, North Carolina, home. Laura Tee has a granddaughter.

Barbara Black retired in 2012 after 29 years at Virginia's Bridgewater College. She taught French and took students to France and the Caribbean. Barbara's rekindling her passion for duplicate bridge, spent a baseball weekend in D.C. and NYC, and loves big-ship cruises. She's visited Quebec, Puerto Rico, and Guadeloupe. Barbara remains good friends with her ex-husband.

Lyn Holmes Gray and Jim, who've lived in Liberia many years, were evacuated for a couple months to D.C. during the Ebola outbreak but returned to help with the epidemic. Lyn is very devoted to her life's work there.

1970

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Martha Veasey Sawyer and husband Roger vacationed in the Smoky Mountains last August. They visited Gatlinburg, Tennessee, hiked, and encountered two snakes! **Gaye Gregory Elliott** and husband Steve are enjoying retirement in Richmond. **Ellen Smythe Grosskurth** retired last June from teaching ESL to elementary students and now volunteers teaching ESL to adults. Her son, Alex, is an ESL teacher in college, and daughter Veronica designs jewelry.

Jan Sullivan-Chalmers retired after 34 years with American Express and moved with husband Tony to an 8-acre farm in Melbourne, Florida. She has trained as a Florida Supreme Court mediator. Daughter

Hannah is in the University of Florida physician assistant program; son Josiah, at Marian University in Indianapolis on a cycling scholarship, was on the team that won the 2014 USA Collegiate Track Championship.

I continue, along with Ted, to enjoy community activities. However,

Sylvia Schwab '71 trekked, white-water rafted, and immersed herself in the cultures of Bhutan and Nepal.

I was preparing for lower back surgery. Hopefully, by the time you read this, I'll be completely healed.

Please send news.

1971

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Laurie McIntosh, semiretired from teaching writing skills to government and military staffers, volunteers in Richmond to help vets transition from "Boots to Suits." Part of the Wounded Warrior Project, the program provides appropriate civilian clothing for job interviews. **Kathy Lewis Newbold** and Greg of North Carolina love golf. Greg had rotator cuff surgery and was impatient to get back on the links. **Mary Weaver Mann** and Jim have four grandchildren from Geoff and four from Emily. Zeph lives at home. Mary, whose mother will be 105 when this is published, has a new sideline: Twitter.

Lynda White retired from U.Va. and lives with her husband in Keswick, near Charlottesville. Lynda wrote the second chapter of the book *The Quality Infrastructure: Measuring, Analyzing, and Improving Library Services*. **Bryn Irving Roth** and her husband took a cruise in Norway. In November, when they celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary in Williamsburg, they were joined for dinner by junior year roommate **Pattie Kane Carini** and husband Jim of Williamsburg. Bryn does volunteer work at Mary Washington Hospital, Prayers and Squares Quilt Ministry, and Episcopal Church Women. They have three children, four grandchildren, and one great-grandson.

Out of the blue, I heard from **Debbie Oja Tuttle**, who retired 16 years ago and moved from D.C. to Sunset Beach, North Carolina. She and husband of 32 years Ed avoid the summer crowd by heading to their condo near Grandfather Mountain in Linville, North Carolina.

Libby Andrews Wasem, a volunteer tour guide at Kenmore in Fredericksburg, is active at church, travels with her husband, paints furniture, has trained as a yoga teacher, rides bikes, and "has a kick-ass group of friends to hang with." One of her sons is an RN. One is a forensic chemist. The third is an environmental engineer. Libby boasts four grandsons and, by the time this is read, a granddaughter.

Since retiring from her law practice, **Lisa Barker** has hit the road. Following a two-week architectural and history trip to Sweden last spring, she and friends toured the Anne Spencer House in Lynchburg and Prestwold in Mecklenburg County, Virginia, and Mount Airy in Hillsborough, North Carolina. Lisa took an architectural history tour of Brooklyn and made a Smithsonian trip to the Manhattan Project facilities in Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

Last fall **Sylvia Schwab** trekked, white-water rafted, and immersed herself in the interesting cultures of Bhutan and Nepal. In May 2014, Sylvia became a grandmother; son Rory and wife Melissa have a baby girl.

Mary Anne Burns' Facebook page shows how different her life today is from the corporate world she used to inhabit. Until recently, she also has been the "keeper" of our class

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Facebook page, established for our last reunion. We thank Mary Anne for all she did on that site and welcome **Natalee Spiro Franzyszen**, who volunteered to keep the page going. Check it out!

During a recent trip to York, Pennsylvania, I entered Kimman's Gifts and realized the owner is **Caroline Sutton Morris '79**.

Penny Falkowitz Goldstein and husband Dan have lived in Alaska for 30 years. They raised a son and a daughter, and Penny retired in 2012 from BP as a health/safety professional. Her career included working on the North Slope and a stint in Louisiana during the oil spill cleanup. Penny hears from **Pattie Neyland Reams** and **Anne Patterson McKinnon**, usually around the holidays. The Goldsteins love Alaska and all its wild, natural beauty including bears, wolves, coyotes, and even lynx, just outside their door.

Send whatever news whenever you can, and remember our next

Saunders Williams. President Hurley and wife Rose hosted them for a tour of Brompton and lunch in Seacobeck, and Vice President for Advancement and University Relations Torre Meringolo – along with Dr. Bill Crawley – discussed plans for the restoration of the amphitheater. They also visited Carl's ice cream. Nancy Miller posted pictures on Facebook.

Cheryl Prietz Childress and daughter Thea visited Baltimore in September. We had a terrific girls' night out and caught up on everything. Thea and husband Eric live in St. Louis, where she manages a theater. Cheryl and Thea remain avid equestriennes. **Kathy Duley** had her 26th anniversary at the Phoenix Art Museum, and **Julie Obarski Simpson** celebrated three years at Managed Travel Consulting.

My fifth anniversary with the law firm is coming up. Dennis and I vacationed in Bristol, Virginia, at the Rhythm and Roots Reunion last

Wendy Francis '76 is program director for Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative.

nursing home. Debra, who never purchased a class ring, has a special request: If anyone has a ring they're willing to part with, contact Debra.

Keep sending news. It's fun to learn what keeps you busy and gives you joy.

1974

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1975

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Lina Scott Woodall's daughter, Sarah, married Andrew Vessels in Scottsville, Virginia, in spring 2014. They honeymooned in New Zealand and Tahiti, and live in Arlington. Sarah, who has found her niche with Visit Greenland and the North Atlantic Tourism Association, did consulting work in Greenland, the Faroe Islands, and Iceland for a few months.

Keep a lookout for news about our 40th Class Reunion!

1976

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Isabel Garcia, who has been working for NIH as deputy director of the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, was named dean of the University of Florida College of Dentistry. Isabel earned a doctorate in dental surgery at MCV, then a master's degree in public health at the University of Michigan. She and her husband, Dr. Ric Bothwell, have a high school senior, Adam. Isabel's sister, **Ana Garcia Chichester**, has been at UMW for 21 years; she now serves as professor of Spanish and director of the Bachelor of Liberal Studies program. **Bonnie Clarke Powell** retired in January 2014 from a career in communications and marketing with the Department of Defense in Northern Virginia. She and her husband, Tony, stay busy playing golf, traveling, downsizing, and planning a move south to

warmer winter climates.

Beverly Hudnall Simons also retired from DOD; she left in 2010 after 33 years. She and husband Rick sold their Herndon, Virginia, home and moved to Williamsburg to be closer to relatives. Their older son, Matthew, received a Ph.D. in molecular, optical, and quantum physics at the College of William & Mary. He accepted a postdoctoral offer from NIST in Boulder, Colorado. Beverly, a physics major, remembers Dr. Atalay fondly and studying for his tests with **Teresa Smith Houser**. Beverly's younger son, Michael, has a psychology and philosophy degree from VCU and works for UPS in Richmond. Beverly had lunch with **Yolande Long** in Williamsburg. She hears from **Karen Miller Clark** at Christmas and reconnected with her, Yolande, and Teresa via Facebook. She saw elementary school teacher **Mary Bess Booth Price** at their Northumberland High School reunion.

Melissa Mann retired from teaching in 2014 and was embarking upon an 18-month mission in Guayaquil, Ecuador. She was studying Spanish and trading her New Hampshire wardrobe for something more suitable to a country on the equator. **Lundy Baker Updike** attended the Legacy Breakfast at UMW's Family Weekend with husband of 32 years Jim and son **Tom Updike '17**. They sat with **Kathy Sydnor '76** and her two sisters, who also graduated from Mary Washington.

Barbara Bryant Zingg lives near Harpers Ferry, West Virginia, with Rob, her husband of 38 years. They met the first weekend of freshman year on the front porch of Marshall Hall. He's a special education teacher at one high school in the county, and Barbara is a math teacher at the other. She has a master's degree

Lundy Baker Updike '76 and son Tom Updike '17 attended the UMW Legacy Breakfast at family weekend.

reunion is coming up, so be thinking about what our class should contribute for the 45th.

1972

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Mary Forte Hayes and husband Jim welcomed two Mary Washington friends to Rockport, Massachusetts, this summer: her hallmate from Mary Ball Hall in 1969, **Maryanne Fields Cherry**, a third-grade teacher in Hilton Head Island, South Carolina; and roommate **Kay Smith Davis**, a retired nurse educator, and husband Rob from Hampton, Virginia. Mary is a retired high school principal and consultant. She and Jim circled the globe last year and spend winters in California, closer to three of their six grandchildren.

Brenda Franklin had an October mini reunion in Fredericksburg with dear friends **Terri Hall Alford**, **Nancy Mahone Miller**, **Kathryn Ray**, **Anne Toms Richardson**, **Shirley Harris Sutton**, and **Mary**

September and might make it an annual tradition.

1973

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Greetings to all! We toured Italy last fall, visiting historic sites and basking in the beauty of the country. We confirmed there is no bad wine in Italy! In August we visited friends at their summer home on Lake Michigan.

I understand **Mary Sue Warner Weimer** continues to travel throughout the world. We'd love to hear from you, Mary Sue! Her Mary Washington roomie, **Virginia Davey Addison**, and Will welcomed their third grandchild, a grandson, in August.

Debra Coffey said Mary Washington "was a place that allowed me to thrive. And I will always be thankful for that gift." She is still weathering the pangs of empty nest syndrome. She keeps herself busy with Republican politics and a weekly worship service at the local

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A Heritage in Clay

Business administration seemed sensible, and **Hadrian Mendoza '96** worked hard to fulfill major requirements in his first three years at Mary Washington. Then came senior year, with only electives left to take.

Mendoza filled his schedule with drawing, painting, and poetry – and a ceramics class that would prove life-changing.

Working with clay lit up Mendoza's brain like nothing had before. "It's so natural," Mendoza thought. "You take dirt, you use fire, and then you have a permanent object. How awesome is that?"

After two semesters, he asked Lorene Nickel, now a professor emerita of art, what it would take to make a living as a potter. Was it even possible?

Her answer, he remembers, was something an earnest business major had to consider seriously: It *was* possible, and he could be good at it. But it might not ever be lucrative.

Mendoza had gotten into culinary school, but he never even sent a deposit. A year at the Corcoran School of Art in Washington, D.C., wasn't the right fit, either.

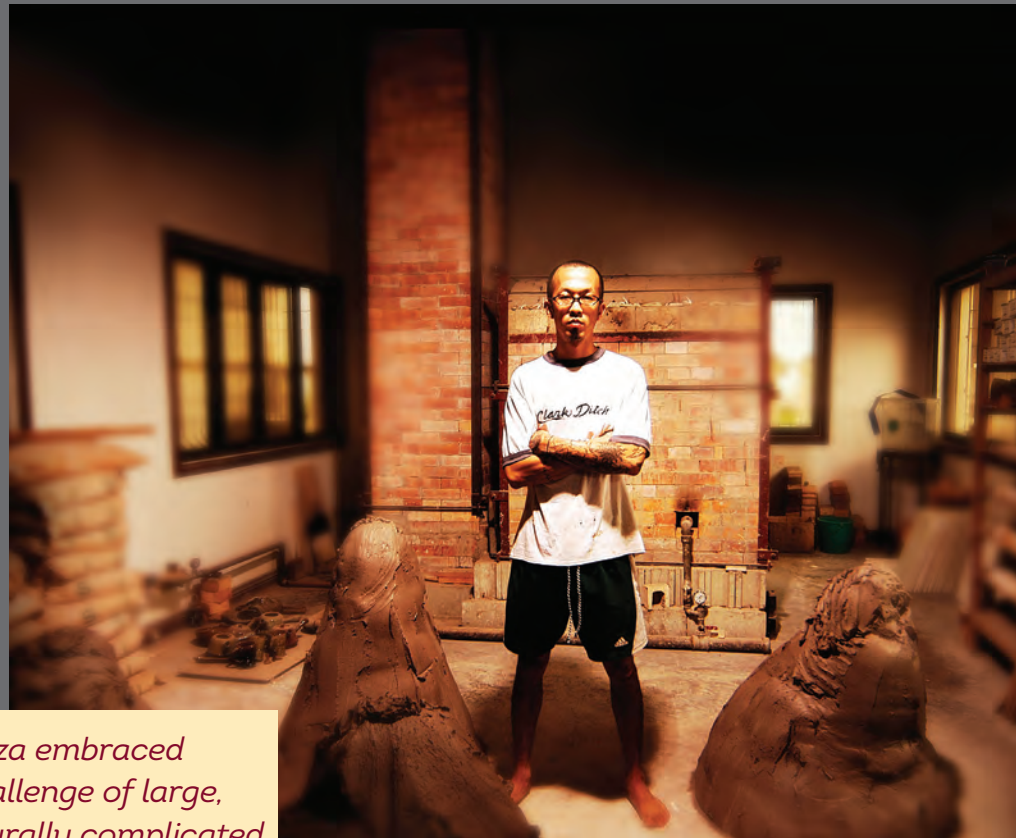
Instead, he returned to the Philippines, where he was born and still had family. He served a year-long apprenticeship with potter Jon Pettyjohn in the rural province of Laguna, in the mountains south of Manila.

Then he, Pettyjohn, and Pettyjohn's wife, Tessy, opened a pottery school that drew students from all over the Philippines. Over several years, Mendoza taught others as he experimented with pottery forms, kilns, and glazes.

He embraced the challenge of large, structurally complicated pieces that blend artistry and physics. Works in his *Balance* series spin aloft from small bases, seeming to defy gravity.

He evoked his heritage with works inspired by the Manunggul Jar, a burial jar dating to 890-710 B.C. that was excavated intact from the Philippines'

Mendoza embraced the challenge of large, structurally complicated pieces that blend artistry and physics.



Clay and fire lured Hadrian Mendoza off a conventional business administration path and into a career as a ceramic artist.

Tabon Caves and is considered a national treasure.

The ancient jar held worldly goods that the deceased would take to the afterlife, but Mendoza's most recent *Manunggul* series sculpture is hollow in the center, reflecting his belief that the dead don't need possessions.

"It's not the material things that set you up," he said. "It's the way you live your life."

Those aren't empty words for Mendoza. In 2009, he and wife Kim moved with their two daughters to Fairfax County, near relatives and Kim's job at the World Bank in Washington. It was good for the family but humbling for Mendoza, who left his house, his studio, and a comfortable reputation as one of the top ceramic artists in Southeast Asia. Here, as just another unknown potter, he had to re-establish his art roots.

Now he teaches, creates, and sells his work at the Workhouse Center for the Arts in Lorton, and he's making connections with local artists and gallery

owners. His works can be seen online at hadrianmendozapottery.com.

He's found a balance, too, between his business administration major and artistic sides. In 2014, he said, he had his best year financially in 19 years doing pottery, and he hopes to outdo that this year.

"I make things to make a living," he said. "But I make it first with my heart."

– Laura Moyer

96

After 37 years, **Kathy Diehl Hartman '77** retired as a National Cancer Institute chemist for the NIH.

in curriculum design from Capella University and is pursuing a master's in curriculum and instruction from Concordia University. They have sons Jason, married to Tammy, in West Virginia; and Joshua, married to Reyna, in Columbus, Ohio.

Wendy Francis of Banff, Alberta, Canada, is program director for Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative, a nonprofit that protects wildlife in western North America. Her work takes her to some of the most beautiful mountain landscapes in the world. She hikes, backpacks, cross-country skis, runs, bikes, and swims.

Madelin Jones Barratt and **Sue Sendlein Luscomb** had lunch in Arlington last August. Sue was in D.C. with husband Rich, who was attending a conference. Afterward, they visited Madelin's daughter, Anna, at Artisan Confections. In September, Madelin's older daughter, Ellen, gave birth to a son, Timothy Edward.

Please send me your news. It's great keeping our class connected!

1977

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Ronald Lewis Napier started an eight-year judgeship in the 26th Circuit in December after being elected by the Virginia General Assembly. He hears civil and criminal cases in Winchester and in Clarke, Frederick, and Warren counties. Ron began his judicial career as a substitute district court judge in 1994 and had been a juvenile and domestic relations district court judge for Virginia's 26th Judicial District since 2006. Wife **Katherine Winston Pritchard '78** travels the world as Thermo Fisher Scientific's vice president of business

development in clinical diagnostics. They live in Front Royal, Virginia, and have children **Andrew Lewis Napier '07**, William Hamilton Napier (Goucher College '10), and **Mary Katherine Napier '11**.

Sue Lind Relyea has been a nanny for the same family for 10 years. She and husband Wayne of Middletown, New Jersey, have grandchildren Lola, 1, Chase, 5, and Alana, 8. Middle daughter Heather married Matt Fisher in Orange, Virginia, in September. Youngest Megan plans to marry Bobby Phillips in July in New Jersey.

Kathy Diehl Hartman retired in January after 37 years in federal government as a National Cancer Institute chemist for the National Institutes of Health. She plans to travel with husband Steve and see her two grandchildren. Kathy lunched with **Jody Nutter Amberly '76**, **Kathy Baldwin Geary**, and **Jane Albert McGehee** at National Harbor.

1978

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Four former residents of Russell Second North held an October mini-reunion in Fredericksburg: **Carol Mills**, **Allen Nicholls Scott**, **Martha Weaver Campbell**, and **Janet Place Fuller**. Carol is cele-

Bonnie Berry '79 assisted Seth Meyers as part of the Kennedy Center Mark Twain Awards honoring Jay Leno.

brating her retirement from Prince William County Public Schools; Allen teaches science in Maryland; Martha operates her own company, Trinity Title, in Lynchburg, Va.; and Janet is pursuing a second career in consulting after a 35-year government position. Last year's gathering included **Mary Jane Ford Johnston** and **Joni Joseph Owens**. All plan to meet again this October; other classmates are encouraged to attend.

1979

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Thanks to those who sent news. **Bonnie Berry** works for the Smithsonian Institution. In October, she assisted Seth Meyers as part of the Kennedy Center Mark Twain Awards to honor Jay Leno. She also worked the Memorial Day show at the Capitol in May and the Christmas in D.C. special.

Lisa Bratton Soltis, **Lisa Carle Shields**, **Gayle Harrison Cleary**, and **Vickie Nichols Sherertz '78** attended an October UMW alumni gathering in Roanoke, Virginia. President Hurley discussed the Mary Washington First Campaign and new buildings and activities on campus. A member of the UMW Foundation Board, Lisa Soltis visited **Nancy Quaintance Nelles** in Delaware in October and attended Nancy's daughter's summer wedding. **Karin Hedberg**, **Donna Anaya**, and **Gayle Weinberger Petro** and friend Jim attended. They all toured a potato chip factory.

In August, most of the same folks, as well as Lisa Shields, were in Roanoke to see Harold Melvin and the Blue Notes and Sheryl Crow. In October, Donna Anaya and Lisa Soltis traveled to France, and Gayle Petro and Jim went to Florida to visit Gayle's family and high school French teacher. Lisa Shields lives at Smith Mountain Lake in Virginia and is a mortgage broker for SunTrust. Son **Jonathan Shields**

see Patty or some of her work. She occasionally displays at the Torpedo Factory in Old Town Alexandria.

I still work for Fairfax County in the Office of Public Affairs. I occasionally run into **Mary Regan McMahon** and **Carolyn Bess Pantzer**, who also work for the county, as well as **Fatima Allibhai Khaja '80**.

I hope to hear from more of you next time!

1980

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Independent financial adviser **Kathy Peake** of Tucson, Arizona, owns Peake Financial Group. She attended the Dallas International eWomen's Network Conference. Daughter Erin, an honors graduate in neuroscience from the University of Richmond, lives with her husband in Denver. Son Sean is the father of Parker James McDaniel, born in 2013. Son Jarrad is a college senior. Kathy's mom lives with her and is active in politics and the community.

Vicky Nichols Wilder and Marty celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on a 20-sail ship, traveling from Istanbul, Turkey, to Greece, Montenegro, Croatia, and Venice, Italy. They revisited the Greek hotel where they honeymooned, and the hotel owner was touched that they remembered him.

Alison Roedy Mack and **Anne Miller** hiked and camped in October in Utah's National Parks. Anne, a former park ranger, was UMW Outing Club president in 1980. **Vicky Prescott**, **Martha Williams Locke**, and **Beth Murray Patterson** planned a November reunion at Alison's home in Venice, Florida, where she and her husband retired in June. They raised their son, who's pursuing a pilot's license on a USAF ROTC scholarship at the University of Tampa, and daughter, a 2013 summa cum laude Virginia Tech grad, in Northern Virginia.

1981

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U.S. Ambassador **Rose McCartney Likins** visited UMW in October to meet with students interested in diplomacy or foreign service. Rose

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was ambassador to Peru (2010-2014) and El Salvador (2000-2003). In 2005, she was UMW's commencement speaker and won the Outstanding Alumnus Award.

Mark Ingrao, Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce president and CEO, and UMW Board of

reception. Marilyn, St. Ignatius High School orchestra director, lives in Cleveland and plays in regional orchestras. Son Sam is a Hampden-Sydney College junior. Farah works in development at Randolph College and enjoys her empty nest with Dudley.

U.S. Ambassador **Rose McCartney Likins '81** visited UMW in October to meet with students interested in diplomacy or foreign service.

Visitors member, was inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame for lifetime service as a wrestling official in Virginia and selected for the Amateur Softball Association Hall of Fame for his service as an umpire.

In September, a group from Willard Second Back freshman year met on North Carolina's Outer Banks. I, **Lori Foster Turley**, was there from San Diego, along with **Karen Snyder Boff** of Atlanta; **Pam Clapp Hinkle** of Plymouth, Massachusetts; **Babette Thorpe** of Idaho; **Nancy McEntyre Kennefick** and **Ellen Stanley Booth** of Northern Virginia; **Elisa Devorshak Harvey** of Sandy Spring, Maryland; **Katie Kulp Jones** of Roanoke, Virginia; **Patty Churchill Shippee** of King George; and **Colleen McCahill Turley** of Fredericksburg. **Bobbie Dwyer Leon** was in New York for son Michael's final play toward his MFA, and **Katrina Ray Landis'** father passed away.

1982

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Farah Maynor Marks' daughter, Marilyn, married in September. **Terry Sckinto Hogan** was at the

Monica Schaefer Baughman started with the Class of '83 but graduated with the Class of '84. She's been with Gannett Co. in Tysons Corner, Virginia, 25 years, working in IT support for publishing. She and husband Mel combined their love of travel and cooking in a couples' baking class at Vermont's King Arthur Flour Company. They fish and go birding. Monica's in touch with **Beth Padgett**, **Sherri Snyder**, and **Carol Wilson**.

Scott Hampton Harris has led the James Monroe Museum through public programs on topics like the War of 1812 and Monroe's Welsh roots, and he co-authored an article in *White House History* on Monroe's role in rebuilding the executive mansion. Scott attended a leadership seminar at Northwestern University and saw his first Chicago Cubs game at Wrigley Field! They had a memorial service at the farm for Scott's father, who died in March. Scott vacationed with wife **Diann Davis Harris '81** and children Jeff and Becky in Nags Head and saw one of the Washington Nationals' last home games with **M.C. Morris Moncure '82**.

Cathy Cooke flew into Hawaii two days ahead of a hurricane and was awakened the first day by an earthquake. Cathy joined Clinical Associates of Tidewater, a private practice close to home. She teaches psychosocial aspects of healthcare to third-year doctoral students in ODU's physical therapy and sports medicine department and a lifespan development webcast course to undergrads. Cathy visited **Becky Hobbs Shermer** this summer.

Tom and I vacationed in Budapest in summer, as our middle son interned for an Internet startup. I split my time between Detroit and

Philadelphia, working for CHE Trinity Health, and met with White House staffers in July to discuss health care reform. Our oldest, teaching math in a D.C. private school, started grad school at American in spring.

1984

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Delois Branson Clarke lives in Tappahannock near the Rappahannock River. She's acting head of the special technology integration branch at Dahlgren's Naval Surface Warfare Center, where she's worked 28 years. Husband Stanley, Essex County sheriff, runs for re-election this spring. Daughter Ashley earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from U.Va. and works for the Department of the Navy.

Patricia Reinhardt lives in Wayland, Massachusetts, with husband Tom and children Adam, 14, and Sarah, 11. Adam founded Stokes, producing all-natural fire starters sold in New England. Pat provides business support and

nonprofit he founded last year.

Theron Keller, who worked with Logicon since graduation, transitioned to Fredericksburg's SimVentions, which employs many UMW graduates. He's building a house in Fredericksburg. **Shirley Onderdonk** retired as Fredericksburg Baptist Church organist. She started MWC at 45, earned a BLS at 50, and lives near campus.

Kathleen O'Rourke of coastal Rowayton, Connecticut, a 20-year photojournalist, is director of marketing and communications at King, a pre-K through 12 independent day school in Stamford.

I've lived in Wisconsin 10 years and worked in public schools five. Our son works in Seattle for the Boy Scouts. Our daughter teaches elementary school.

Renée Allen Kuntz, **Lisa Taylor**, and **Abas Adenan**, 30th reunion organizers, want to see you May 29 to 31. Visit alumni.umw.edu/reunionweekend and the MWC Class of 1985 Facebook page for info.

1986

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Jane Carroll Wilson was honored by the Advisory Board Company and *Working Mother Magazine*

Working Mother Magazine named **Jane Carroll Wilson '86** among the Top 100 Working Mothers of the Year.

works in consulting. She attended a silent meditation retreat at the Garrison Institute. Last summer they traveled to Italy, visiting Maremma, Umbria, and Venice.

Martha Shears Smith and husband James opened Green Man Gourmet, a specialty grocery store in Jacksonville, Florida.

Kent Rice and Karen of Pennsylvania celebrated their 22nd anniversary. Daughter Morgan attends a Pennsylvania Miracle Mountain Ranch discipleship program. Their youngest is a high school sophomore. Kent took a half-time ministry position to expand the work of the East Petersburg Faith Outreach

among the Top 100 Working Mothers of the Year in October.

Lisa Harvey visited **Kris Kabza** and **Doug Bronski** in Fredericksburg this summer. Kris led the UMW women's rugby team to last year's national championship! **Irene Thomaidis Roberts** and husband live part time in Fredericksburg.

Beth Kelly, **DemeAnn Kotselas**, and **Susan Allen** celebrated their 50th birthdays at the Middleburg, Virginia, Salamander Resort and sent their first-borns to college.

Kelly Suda White, **Lisa Harvey**, **Kristi Williams McCune**, **Mina Holden Horn**, **Brenda Thier Evans**, **Michelle Runge**, and **Tracy**

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Religion Professor Takes On Zombies

Kelly Murphy '01 may be an unofficial expert on zombies, but in the event of a zombie apocalypse she'd probably be one of the first people to get infected. "I've often joked with my students that the likelihood of a biblical studies scholar surviving the initial zombie outbreak is pretty slim," she said.

Mary Washington's 2001 Outstanding Graduate in Religion now teaches biblical studies at Central Michigan University, where her course *From Revelation to the Walking Dead* is an unqualified hit. The course encourages students to take a deeper look at apocalyptic themes in biblical texts, literature, and pop culture.

"Adding zombies to a class about ancient apocalyptic literature is a kind of shameless trick designed to get students to sign up for a class that they might not otherwise be drawn to take," Murphy admits. "Many students don't know what the academic study of the biblical texts entails, so they don't realize how exciting it can be."

So what exactly do you study in a

course that blends religion with the undead? A typical class might include "survivor exercises" such as analyzing films, building a board game that teaches the historical significance of the book of Revelation, or working with ancient texts and contemporary interpretations of them. Murphy encourages her students to question why and how writers throughout history have depicted the apocalypse, how we imagine people might react to such an event, and what zombies represent in books and movies.

"Zombies and other monsters tell us about ourselves – especially what we fear," Murphy said. "But additionally, zombies, ancient apocalyptic texts, and the study of religion more generally allow us to wrestle with big questions: What does it mean to be human? What is the nature of suffering? What does it mean to be good or evil?"

Murphy's own passion for religious studies began at Mary Washington's Department of Classics, Philosophy, and Religion, where her most influential teachers included professors of religion

James Goehring, Mehdi Aminrazavi, and David Cain, emeritus. "They inspired me on so many levels, from thinking about the problem of suffering and evil, to unraveling the history of the composition of the biblical texts, to reading scholars like Soren Kierkegaard and Al-Ghazali," she said, "which helped me to think about different religious contexts and different theologies and ways of understanding the world."

Today, Murphy hopes to pass those lessons on to her own students, whether they'll one day be faced with an apocalypse or something even more frightening. "I do think we have more pressing, real-world concerns to think about – like the environment, for example," she said. "Our fears concerning those kinds of significant social issues get reflected and deflected into the narratives we see on television, movie screens, and literature. So I suppose my plan is to try to teach students to see these big issues as they're hidden within our fictional stories."

– Erica Jackson Curran '07

Central Michigan University



"Zombies and other monsters tell us about ourselves – especially what we fear." – Kelly Murphy

Assistant Professor Kelly Murphy teaches the popular class *From Revelation to the Walking Dead* at Central Michigan University.

'01

Greener Cunningham celebrated their collective 50ths in Virginia Beach. Michelle, Brenda, and Lisa stopped by UMW to see the changes. Kristi and daughter Eleanor traveled to Boston in fall, eating with Lisa in the North End. **Cindy Smith Waller, Anna Kelly Hanback, and Donna Metzger Lantagne** celebrated their 50ths with a dinner in Richmond. Donna runs her family business, Lantagne Legal Printing.

Russell S. Sayre, co-chair of Taft Stettinius & Hollister's litigation practice group, was designated in 2014's *Chambers USA* as a leader in litigation, general commercial practice for Ohio. He also was selected for inclusion in 2015's Best Lawyers in America, which deemed him Cincinnati Lawyer of the Year in appellate practice and has recognized him since 2006.

Margie Diane Sanfilippo '87 is associate dean of faculty at Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Condolences to **Mina Holden Horn**, who lost brother Sam; **Lori Brubaker Morales**, who lost husband Elam; and **Michelle Runge**, who lost her mother.

1987

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From Kim: I run two businesses and teach yoga. We rescued a border collie from the pound in September. She came into our lives at the perfect time and bonded with Sasha, who suffered from a tick-borne disease in October. She was hospitalized two weeks but gets stronger every day.

Eda Spivey Price and husband Don of Glen Allen, Virginia, have daughters Olivia, 9, and Patricia, 11. Eda has a freelance business, Eda Price Editing.

Susan Mulligan Miller of Herndon, Virginia, has a second career teaching special education. She has sons in college, high school, and middle school. She still sees **Janine Cogger**, who lives nearby.

Jane Ellen Brennan Herrin's daughter Anna Grace, 9, in fourth grade, did her first play, *Peter Pan*,

at Cookeville Performing Arts Center. Jenna, 8, is in third grade. Jane Ellen and Jim celebrated 21 years last October and still live in the Cookeville, Tennessee, home they moved into on their "honeymoon." Jane Ellen is an independent contractor for social media, personal branding, and ghosting. She works lots with the marketing team of *National Geographic* photographer Joe McNally and does makeup and styling for some of his shoots. She does social media marketing and event planning with DelMonaco Winery and Vineyards.

Margie Diane Sanfilippo is associate dean of faculty at Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Florida. Her sons are 15 and 19. One is a high school sophomore. One is a junior at Eckerd.

Julie Magness works with the

City of Greenbelt Recreation Department's Aquatic & Fitness Center. She and Kathy visited Alaska in summer for Julie's birthday.

Thanks to everyone who contributed updates! Find me on Facebook under "Kim Jones Isaac."

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Virginia native **Forrest Clift** was in Michigan working on his Ed.S. in 2009 at Grand Valley State University and pursuing a doctorate in educational leadership at Eastern Michigan University. He hopes to complete his dissertation, *Hidden Rainbow: The Search for LGBT Issues in a Teacher Education*

Program, by summer. Classwork led to a spot on the development team with Grand Rapids Public Schools to create the country's first international baccalaureate primary years program (PYP/elementary) school, incorporating the arts into the instructional model. Forrest's second textbook chapter, *Virginia*, to be published in December in SAGE's *Proud Heritage: People, Issues, and Documents of the LGBT Experience*, examines the state's LGBT history and laws. Forrest travels the U.S., officiating friends' wedding ceremonies, walking border collie Peasley, and reading everything from magazines to biographies.

1991

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Charles "Charlie" Gullo, associate dean for medical education at the Marshall University's Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, returned to the U.S. after 11 years in Singapore with wife Yen and their son, 3. They moved to Huntington, West Virginia, and were looking for houses in the tri-state area. Charlie saw **Mason Donovan** of the Concord, New Hampshire, area, and talked with **Mark Gilliat** and **Chris Loudon** of Northern Virginia. Charlie plans to visit campus with his wife and son.

Mark Mesterhazy, wife Kim, daughter Morgan, and son Andrew welcomed third child Roman last spring.

Lori Klugman writes songs, sings with a guitar player, takes guitar lessons, and is a continuing-care community trainer, where she sings with a resident who was a 30-year

Last year, my husband, Tom, and I visited my aunt and uncle in Sarasota, Florida. We made glass art in their kiln, hunted for sharks' teeth, ate seafood, and photographed tropical birds and alligators at Myakka State Park. Summer brought Braves games, Chattahoochee River floats, neighborhood supper club events, and our birthdays. In July, we explored St. Simons and Jekyll islands. In August, we visited Mobile, Alabama, then traveled to a friend's fish camp in Manchac, Louisiana, near Lake Pontchartrain, where a water moccasin was under our cabin. We visited New Orleans for the first time – Bourbon Street, jazz, hurricanes, jambalaya! In October, we celebrated our 15th wedding anniversary at Sandals Grande Riviera in Ocho Rios, Jamaica. We scuba dived with friends on the dive team. Tom works for Thompson Engineering, reporting to their corporate office in Mobile, where we'll find a place when we finish home projects and get our house on the market.

I co-hosted a Mary Washington Alumni Network Atlanta Happy Hour with College of Business Dean Lynne Richardson and reconnected with **Meta Winston '94**.

Marci Morgan Taylor, a RACSB crisis stabilization mental health therapist, and Okley celebrated their fifth anniversary. Her stepson graduated from high school, and they got a third horse. Marci plans to return to competitive riding. Her husband joins her for weekend trail rides. They travel to the Southwest, recently to Sedona, Arizona, and the Grand Canyon.

After 16 years in Virginia Beach, **Julie Lail Porter** and her family

Donald Rands Fuller '92 returned from his fourth deployment in Afghanistan in October.

Radio City Music Hall pianist. Lori has studied dance in NYC for 20 years and recently walked in the Climate March.

Keep the news coming! It's always great to hear from you.

1992

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relocated to Fairfax in June for her husband's job. She works from home as a Sentara Healthcare business intelligence architect. Son Jacob is in ninth grade. Daughter Maura is in seventh. They spend weekends on the soccer field, traveled recently to Italy, Mexico, and the Caribbean islands, and explore D.C. Julie loves being near college best friend **Marie Ryan Cox**. They visit and lunch together. Marie is



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married and has daughters Clare, in fourth grade, and Kate, in first.

Donald Rands Fuller of Seattle returned from Afghanistan, on his fourth deployment, in October. He was deployed with the 16th Combat Aviation Brigade, the Army's largest aviation brigade, with a fleet of 150 aircraft and a couple thousand soldiers. They were there seven months, overseeing the withdrawal of U.S. troops and handover to the Afghans. Donald, chief warrant officer 5, is brigade senior instructor or standardization instructor pilot. At 21 years of service as an attack helicopter instructor pilot,

Jane Hope Maples '95 left U.Va. development and donor relations to open her own wedding-planning business.

he's learning the AH-64E attack helicopter. He'll be in school about six months. Donald, who is single, has family in Idaho, where he plans to hang up his helmet after 25 years of service.

Wendy Scott, a high school Spanish teacher, and husband **Ken Stuck '90**, a VDOT archaeologist, of Newport News, Virginia, planned to celebrate their 20th anniversary visiting the Biltmore Estate and Cherokee in North Carolina, and Dollywood in Tennessee. Ellie is 15; Joshua is 12. They lost their 16½-year-old dog, Boots, in August 2013, and hoped to get a new pooch.

Nicole Davidson and family of Littleton, Colorado, visited the Old Dominion after five years and saw Nicole's parents in Fredericksburg. They visited Washington, D.C., the Shenandoah Valley, Tangier Island, Mary Washington, and Carl's. Nicole was glad to see all the campus changes. Labor Day week they camped in the Rocky Mountains in their new pop-up

camper, after a week in a tent at Yellowstone National Park last summer almost did them in. After 16 years as a paralegal for the United States Attorney's Office in Denver, Nicole is a Drug Enforcement Administration civil investigator. Husband Steve, a hydraulics shop manager, is on their church's deacon board. Son Samuel, 8, started third grade. Daughter Rebecca, 5, started kindergarten.

Some of us keep in touch through email and Facebook, but this magazine's format is a wonderful way to stay connected with Mary Washington and one another. Let us know what's new with you!

1993

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Len Ornstein '94 was selected to participate in a National Endowment for the Humanities summer seminar for teachers on the

Battle of Gettysburg at Gettysburg College.

Max Tuefferd of Lexington, Massachusetts, works in education technology and welcomed his second son.

Cheryl Roberts Heuser, Sherloq Solutions general counsel, her husband, and pets moved from Ohio to Bradenton, Florida.

1994

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1995

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Jane Hope Maples lives in Crozet, Virginia, with husband Michael and children Carter, 7, and Alice, 6. After 13 years in development and donor relations, she left U.Va. to open Maples Events wedding planning.

Janice Kirby Moler wrote *Love*

Children of the '60s, a memoir with letters she and her husband, drafted into the Army and sent to Berlin, wrote before they married.

1996

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Don Rowe is writing the final novel of his Tessera Trilogy, *Kashan Kashmeeri*. *Golden Gate* and *Sooley Base* are available as eBooks under Don's pen name, DP Tolan. He's doing research for three other books!

Kristen Dowdy married high school friend Matt Seibert in July. Kristen is an executive assistant with the Virginia United Methodist Conference in Richmond. Matt will live in Texas for three years, until his three teenage daughters graduate from high school, then move to Richmond.

Anndelynn Tapscott Martin and **Tug Martin** of Littleton, Colorado, have children Ty, 10, and Addie, 7. Tug is an estimating manager for Environmental Stoneworks. Andi is a Victim Rights Act specialist for the state of Colorado. They camp and visit Virginia.

1997

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Rob Edwards wrote love stories *An Image of Us* and *Purple Meadow*, published by 1st Ride Enterprises. **Cheryl Duckworth**, Nova Southeastern University professor of conflict resolution, lives in Florida, is engaged to Eddie, and wrote

The Mexican government evacuated honeymooners **Colleen Minion '97** and Matthew from Cabo San Lucas to Tijuana before Hurricane Odile.

9/11 and Collective Memory in US Classrooms: Teaching About Terror.

Marcie Pierson Brandriff, husband Kevin, American Boychoir School dean of students, and daughter Lily, 2, moved from their Massachusetts apartment to Princeton, New Jersey.

Pam Massa, husband Justin, and son Lucas welcomed baby Emelia in August. Pam's a sonographer with a Long Island radiology group.

She and her family visited former roomies **Jessica Edmiston Forsythe** and **Sarah Burgess Hall** in Richmond. **Michael Hurt** married Caroline in May 2013, welcomed Elise Alexandra in May 2014, and moved to Leesburg, Virginia, before Thanksgiving. **MJ Figel Day** spent summer traveling for work and hosted a get-together with **Robin Kozic**, **Amy Lapasota Miles**, **Amy Mannion**, **Katie O'Leary Preston**, and all their 10 kids. MJ, husband Brian, and son Parker welcomed Thayer James in September.

Colleen Minion and husband Matthew had an August wedding reception, honeymooned in September in Cabo San Lucas, were there for Hurricane Odile, were evacuated by the Mexican government to Tijuana, and returned to Seattle. The hurricane honeymoon won't soon be forgotten!

Julie Newell Leslie traveled in Switzerland last fall, fulfilling a dream of hiking in the Alps. I was in Europe at the same time, but we couldn't connect. I visited Prague with husband Wade and plan several 40th birthday-related trips next year.

Let me know if you're up to something special for your milestone birthdays.

1998

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The Class of 1998 Endowment for Student Activities, which supports homecoming activities, totaled \$37,500 as of June 30, 2014.

1999

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My husband and I welcomed our first son, John McCallie Thomas, in September. Please send updates!

Kristin Ruhl Bergstrom and family moved to Keller, Texas. They sold their Denver home, put in a contract for a new build, moved into an

apartment, and enrolled the kids in school, all in a month.

Preston Robinson lives in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, with wife Emilie, son William (age 1 year), and dogs Dudley and Zeus McAllister. Preston, who is with the Louisiana Department of the Treasury, earned a master's degree in public administration at Villanova University and started an MBA at Indiana University's Kelley School of Business.

Rebecca Greene and boyfriend Josh Derr welcomed first child Harper Alia in October.

2000

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I hope you plan to attend our 15th reunion in Fredericksburg in May. Not having been to campus since our 10th, I have a feeling the place has changed a lot. I'm really excited to see you there.

Jessica Folkerts earned a master's degree in global health policy at George Washington University. She worked at USAID in maternal and child health, then helped develop two charitable organizations, one focusing on environmental policy and one on empowering at-risk youths. At 31, she embarked on a five-month solo trip around the world. She sailed a waka, a Polynesian oceanic vessel, with a crew of Vanuatuan and Maori men on the Pacific; spent time in a silent meditation retreat; lived in a tent in a field in New Zealand; cooked on an organic farm; and bathed elephants on a sanctuary in Thailand. Now she works for a marketing and ad agency, Honest Ideas, in Cambridge, England.

2001

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2003

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Mike Steel, a Virginia Beach attorney for Williams Mullen, was recognized at the South Hampton Roads YWCA's first annual Men Who Empower event and as a Top 40 Under 40 last year by Hampton Roads magazine *Inside Business*.

Sarah E. Colona won 2013-2014 Professor of the Year from the Burlington County College SGA.

Nora Cronin left her Brooklyn District Attorney's Office senior trial attorney position for a two-year appointment in the executive chamber of New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, analyzing and creating public safety policy, from cyber security to human trafficking. Nora also hikes.

In May, Laura and **Jeff Howard** of Arlington, Virginia, welcomed first child Katherine Lois. **Shauna Mahony Pick**, a massage therapist in private practice, lives in Boulder, Colorado, with husband Austin Pick, a fiction writer who works at Naropa University, and her puppy.

Sarah Sedaghatfar Little and husband Jason's second child, Jagger Rhys, joined Dylan, 4, in September. They live on a South Norwalk, Connecticut, island. **Diana Daly Epstein** and husband Jonathan welcomed first child Eli Daly in October.

Navy Lt. Cmdr. Lauren Cameron Fiske '03, Medical Corps, is medical director of infection prevention and control at Fort Belvoir Community Hospital.

Navy Lt. Cmdr. Lauren Cameron Fiske, Medical Corps, graduated from the VCU School of Medicine in 2007, completed an infectious disease fellowship at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in 2013, and earned a master's degree in public health with a concentration in tropical medicine from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences last year. Board-certified in adult infectious diseases, internal medicine, and pediatrics, she's a member of the Infectious Diseases Society of America, the American Board of Internal Medicine, and the American Board of Pediatrics. Lauren is medical director of infection prevention and control at Fort Belvoir Community Hospital in Lorton, Virginia.

Libby Eddy Rowe and husband Jeremy of Lochbuie, Colorado, welcomed their second child, son

Maverick, in March 2014. Wyatt is 3. Libby's a middle school dean at a charter school.

2004

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Grant Matthews works in environmental wellbeing and lives in his hometown, Richmond, with girlfriend Emily and four backyard chickens. He saw fellow alums at the October wedding of **Travis Bjorklund '02**.

Kristin Simmers teaches at a Bangkok, Thailand, United Nations affiliate school. **Shalini Robison** and husband **Adam Robison '03** took a six-month sabbatical to travel in Europe and Asia, visiting France, Germany, India, and more. **Chip McCraw** and wife Stephanie welcomed their first child, daughter Charlotte Reese, in September. They vacationed with **Evan Steinberg**, **Susan Steinberg**, and son Grant, 1, in July.

2005

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Erin Brezsnayak Mullican and husband Bryan welcomed son Simon Francis in July. His siblings are Clare, 7, Nathan, 6, and George, 3. They live in Mount Juliet, Tennessee. Bryan works for Vanderbilt University. Erin's a stay-at-home mom. **David Voth** and wife Stephanie, a periodontist, bought a Richmond home. David attends dental school. They have a cockapoo puppy named Bowman.

Rachael Deane, a National Fair Housing Alliance attorney, and **Gabe Walters '03**, an attorney for People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, live in Washington, D.C., and welcomed a son in July. **Mario Alfaro**, who works in sales, married teacher **LeeAnn Mitchell '07** in July 2012. They live in Fredericksburg, welcomed a daughter in 2013, and own an Amway business. **Rebecca Sager** and Jacob Dolan of Denver

married in October at her parents' Waynesboro, Virginia, home. **Lauren Romestan Gallucci '06** was a bridesmaid.

Peter Kelley is assistant director with EY in its global headquarters in London, managing global media relations activities for tax, government, pharmaceutical, and private equity practices. Peter married longtime partner Katie Payne in Canterbury, England, in July 2013. **Brendan Orsinger** was a groomsman. Peter earned a master's degree in transnational communications from the University of London in 2009 and worked in the London newsrooms of NBC News and CNN.

Sarah Ellison, a San Antonio, Texas, assistant district attorney, was appointed assistant U.S. attorney for Texas' southern district in Laredo. **Maggie Parke** earned a Ph.D. in film and digital media from Bangor University in Wales. She works in development for Elfin Productions, lecturing at universities and film festivals, and is a country manager for Bangor University, facilitating connections with North and South American schools. She also manages UMW's study abroad program to Wales and planned an Arthurian and fantasy literature summer school with her UMW undergrad professor Warren Rochelle.

2006

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Kathleen Colduvell, a Children's Hospital of Philadelphia intensive care nurse, and David Dimm wed in April 2014 at Philadelphia's Adventure Aquarium. **Tessa Merna '07** attended.

Charlotte Naas Markivich, a technical writer outside Pittsburgh, and husband Alex welcomed their third child in July. **Morgan Applegate '05**

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and **Kelly Wolff Applegate** had first child Lucy in January. **Frances Patton** planned to move in November to New York, where sister **Ellen Patton** lives. **Kristine Chase** works for the State Historic Preservation Office in Missouri.

Kevin M. Williams earned a master's degree in acquisition and

2007

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Animal keeper **Carly Barron '09** studied evolution, maintenance of biodiversity, and the effects of human intervention in the Amazon.

procurement management from Webster University. Spouse Renee, a Department of Homeland Security accountant, is pursuing an MBA at Webster University.

Clint Woods moved in August from Washington, D.C., to Lexington, Kentucky, to become executive director of the Association of Air Pollution Control Agencies.

Sarah Mayo Minkin married Scott Minkin of Reston, Virginia, in June at the Charlottesville Greencroft Club.

Nancy-Lauren Raia and John C. Buechler got engaged in August on the beach on the North Fork of Long Island. They live on Manhattan's Upper East Side and planned an April wedding. Nancy is an associate vice president at Rubenstein Associates, overseeing public relations campaigns for top NYC real estate developers, brokerages, and development projects.

Barbara George Eastwood released her first novel, *The Dozen Lives of Erica Whitefield*, an interactive adventure for women. **Jay Sinha** joined LRH Group, LLC, in cyber security and data privacy law. He splits time among D.C., Reston, and Quantico.

Jason and **Marianne Shapiro Weiner** welcomed first child Julie Rose in August.

Andrea Christie Elkin and **Matthew Elkin '01** welcomed first child William Jacob in October. **Steven Grillo**, Staten Island Economic Development Corp. first vice president, and **Lauren Bayer '06**, New Jersey assistant deputy public defender, bought their first home in Sayreville, New Jersey, in July.

2008

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Alyssa Lee is a Northern Virginia Family Service annual giving manager. In 2013, **Dan Punaro** was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Army National Guard and earned an MBA from San Diego State University. **Evan Lee Braunstein** lived in Arlington, Virginia, five years, moved to Athens, Georgia, and was pursuing an MBA in finance from the University of Georgia. He planned to move to Atlanta after spring graduation last year.

Kristen L. Roscoe, a high school algebra and geometry teacher, and **Mark MacMillan '07** of Virginia Beach plan to marry this summer.

Brandon Shapiro and **Lisa Blumfelder Shapiro '07** were married five years in October. In fall, Brandon began a computational social science Ph.D. program at George Mason University.

Joel Peck and **Kristina Ashwell Peck** welcomed son Elijah in March. **Christine Chapman** and **Colin Deyman '09** welcomed first child Acacia Cecilia in May 2014.

2009

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Legal recruiter **Tom Roberts** and **Elizabeth Emmel Roberts '11** live in Northern Virginia. He's pursuing a master's degree in urban and regional planning at Virginia Tech.

They expected their first child this spring.

Josh Ferrari works in administration at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and moved back East from Berkeley, California. **Andrew Cox**, engaged to **Ally Kight**, is senior editor at *Marlin* magazine.

Gina Carey married **Thomas Wolfe '10** in August in Maryland's Historic Savage Mill. His uncle, **Daniel Wolfe '84**, the UMW 2010 commencement speaker, officiated. **Eva Richardson** took their engagement pictures at UMW.

Kiernan Whitworth and **Taylor Warner '11** got engaged in September. **Lauren Murrey** got engaged to Brandon Nehus last summer. **Nick Mundy** married Laura Bowman in September. **Ana Saldana Ealley** married Alexander in May 2012 and expected her first child, a girl, in November.

Carly Barron, an animal keeper at Baltimore's Maryland Zoo, is pursuing a master's degree from Miami University's global field program. Carly studied evolution and maintenance of biodiversity, and the effects of human intervention in the Amazon.

2010

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Colby Proffitt and Farrell of Arlington, Virginia, married in September in Emerald Isle, North Carolina.

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Amanda Gold, director of Taglit-Birthright for Hibba Youth Jewish Movement, moved to Israel and was pursuing a master's degree in non-profit management and leadership from Hebrew University. **Jessica Sine** planned to earn a bachelor's degree in nursing from Seton Hall in October.

2012

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Luisa Dispenzirie, Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park museum curator, earned a master's degree in museum studies in June from George Washington University.

High school counselor **Jane Ballard** earned a master's degree in counseling from Regent University last year. **Chrissy Boyer DeMarr** and **Matt DeMarr '10** welcomed son Thomas Rex-Paul DeMarr in August.

Everett Bartlett of Los Angeles is in an AmeriCorps program providing tutoring services in English language arts to seventh-graders.

2013

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2014

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Historic preservation major **Sam Crystal** was on the executive board for Washington Guides for three

years and for FUN INC. magic trick manufacturers for one year. He was in Jerusalem for the 2014-15 academic year as Congressional Affairs Fellow in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs through the Israel Government Fellows, following American Congress.

David Barth owns Peak Sound of Virginia, a sound and recording production entity. **Conan Smeeth** of Moscow teaches ESL. **Elizabeth Storey** started a school psychology doctorate program at the University of South Florida in Tampa in fall.

IN MEMORIAM

Doris Taylor Hartzog Glass '35
Alice Rife Wilson '38
Elizabeth Clopton Brown '39
Martha Lee Bennett Blalock '40
Virginia Adair Smith McIntire '40
Jane Rocap Lewis '41
Adelaide Margaret Rosborough Thorpe '41
Margaret Sinclair Hartman '42
Eleanor Russell McCormick '42
Martha Isabel Tavenner Sutherland '42
Marjorie VanDerKar Hulihan '43
Mary "Gini" Virginia Morgan Kline '44
Elizabeth Williamson Meachum '44
Elizabeth McNair Stover Ozmer '44
Helen Lang Kelly '45
Anita Devers Pritchett '45
Lora Elizabeth Riehl '45
Betty Altenberger Calandrucchio '46
Kate James DuVal '46
Elizabeth Carolyn Vaughn Pritchett '46
Helen Ann Farnham Williams '46
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Alma Lyon Eells '47
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Marjorie Ann Morris Phillips '49
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Nancy Morris Childress Ullman '49
Donna Wester Davis '50
Mary Ann Lutz Williamson '50
Consuelo Deierlein '51
Dorothy Gravatt Hunter '51
Martha Jane McCollum Mann '51
Marguerite "Peggy" S. Walsh '51
Carole Risdon "Posie" Benchoff '52
Katherine Ashe Carmine '52
Anne Caffey Colby '52
Carol Edgerton Cooper '52
Arlene Phelps Nichol '53
Eleanor Dixon '54
Betty Joan "BJ" Cox Haynie '54
Virginia Suttle Mallory '54
Elizabeth "Liz" Cather Moses '54
Gloria Styer Barnes '55
Dorothy M. "Dot" Bell Sellars '55
Mary Linda Fitchett Elliott '56
Maryann Moyer Newhard '58
Carole Moter Powers '58
Frances Grimm Strother '58
Susan J. Horan '59
Virginia Powell Shlemmer '60
Barbara "Bobbie" Ann Knitel '61
Carolyn deCamps Dunaway '62
Sue Parker Brown '63

Nancy Lodewick Draper '63
Laura Elizabeth Wolfe '63
Peggy Ann O'Bier Deihl '64
Judith Miller Suling '66
Linda Murray Schlipper '67
Karen Sue Lubash Mecca '68
Bette Susan Bahen '71
Anne S. Legnini '74
Dawnelle D. Cruze '75
Joanne Rehm '75
Kirsten Rountree '81
Cristina-Colleen D. Mitchell '84
Lisa Edwards Spiers '84
Robert M. Sink '89
Joanne Fellows Murcklen '90
Sherrie L. Killough-Woodwell '96
William Luby Ferguson '97
William Shaver Zaza '03
Annika Christine Lewis '14
Nicholas J. Larsen '15
Griffin Connor Burke '16
Scott Thomas Houk '17

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Norah Pitts Byrnes '49,
who lost her husband
Cecile Duncan Folan '59,
who lost her husband
Katherine Rowe Hayes '59,
who lost her husband
Irene Piscopo Rodgers '59,
who lost her husband

Ellen Grumbly de Gail '61,
who lost her brother
Patty Cairns Hourin '61,
who lost her mother
Donna Floyd Parker '62,
who lost her husband
Mary Jane Rehm Pearcy '71,
who lost her sister
Sherry Rutherford Myers '72,
who lost her mother
Penelope Williamson Cottrell '77,
who lost her mother
Katrina Ray Landis '81,
who lost her father
Lori Foster Turley '81,
who lost her father
Gregg Stull '82,
who lost his mother
Mary Williamson Wilson '83,
who lost her mother
Mina Holden Horn '86,
who lost her brother
Lori Brubaker Morales '86,
who lost her husband
Michelle Runge '86,
who lost her mother
Tomaudrie Rudd Thomas '96,
who lost her father
James Douglas Greevy '10,
who lost his father
Emile Lewis '14,
who lost his sister
Emily V. Ferguson '17,
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Remembering Claudia Emerson, Poet

The Free Lance-Star published this memorial to longtime Mary Washington professor and poet Claudia Emerson on Dec. 8, 2014. Emerson died Dec. 4.

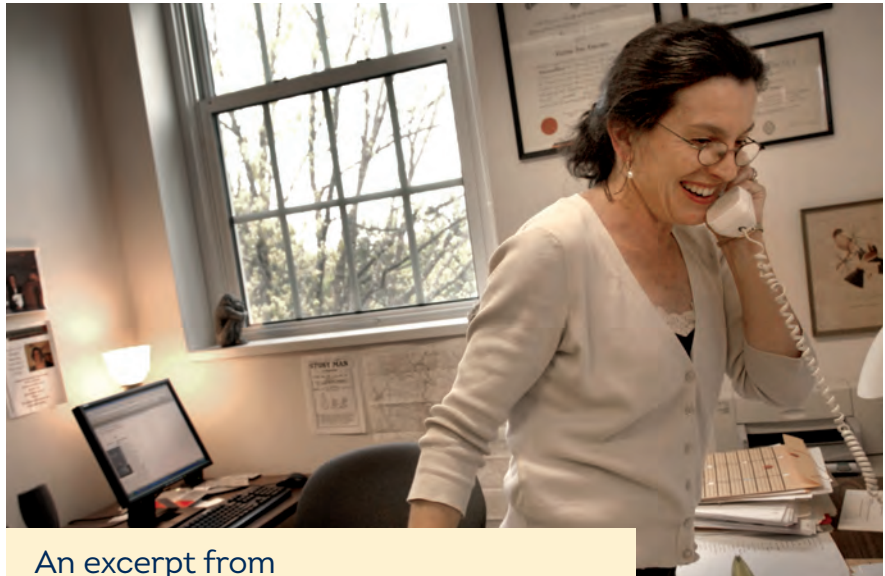
Claudia Emerson, who passed away last week at the far-too-young age of 57, plied that most demanding and (to those who measure greatness by royalty statements) most unrewarding of writing professions. She was a poet – a great one.

Of all the forms of creative writing, poetry is the hardest and seems to draw the smallest audience. It is, and was to Ms. Emerson, a labor of love. Through her labors, she rewarded her readers with some of the finest poetry this country has produced in recent years. Among other praise, she won the Pulitzer Prize for poetry in 2006, while teaching at the University of Mary Washington, for her collection *Late Wife*. She was the state's poet laureate from 2008–2010. She made her university and her city proud.

She left UMW after 15 years to take a position at Virginia Commonwealth University last year [2013], moving with her husband, Kent Ippolito, to Richmond. After she left Fredericksburg, though, she kept in touch with her former students, even while she spent much of the fall semester battling the cancer that eventually claimed her life.

Her boundless curiosity no doubt helped fire her genius. When she won a Guggenheim Fellowship, she took a sabbatical to study catacombs in Italy. While at UMW, she would sometimes look through the biology department's catalog of birds, searching for the wings of inspiration.

She did not shy away from employing and exposing painful parts of her own life in her poetic quest. The collection that won the Pulitzer drew heavily on the breakup of her first marriage and the kindling of her relationship



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An excerpt from *Art of Science*, by Claudia Emerson

Here we measure and re-measure the depths
of histories, ruins, bodies of water;
we build sculptures, proofs, arguments, create
narratives, the theories of narratives,
lyrics, scores. Everywhere we are at study:
intent on books and screens, microscopes, charts –
maps of the world, the brain. In the dismantling
of the anatomical model, we memorize
the architecture of our own bodies.
Out of our compulsion to know, record,
salvage, and save, we cut deeply, carefully,
into the body of the bird, the tree, rock, and poem.

**Claudia Emerson,
2006, just after
she learned she
would receive the
Pulitzer Prize.**

with the man with whom she would spend the rest of her life.

Fredericksburg played a role in her work. She and her second husband could be seen often walking alongside the Rappahannock Canal. In one poem, "The Hospital," she writes of treading the canal path with her second husband, feeding the turtles and hearing "the red-winged blackbirds purr and call."

She did not use her fame as a poet

as an excuse to "mail it in" as a teacher, either. She encouraged her students, even the ones who were not inclined to be poets. She took time to show them the linkage between the poetic world and the prosaic, to expose them to poets they might never have known about otherwise. She tried to bring out the poet in her students.

In a world that needs poets more than it values them, Claudia Emerson will be missed.



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After-School Fun

A Stafford County, Virginia, elementary student mimics a bear to help his friend answer a question from tutor Hannah Riddle '15, a volunteer with Stafford Junction Brain Builders. Riddle, an English and education major, participates in the after-school program through Mary Washington's Community Outreach and Resources (COAR), which offers one-on-one homework help, mentoring, and enrichment activities to children from diverse backgrounds.